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Cold Weather Directives

The combination of extremely cold weather and old infrastructure has created operational challenges on the Van Ness campus. While Troy Stovall, Erik Thompson and their teams have done exceptional work to keep most of the campus open to date, the expected drop in temperature to sustained single digits and teens over the next two days requires additional caution. We must remain open because student orientation, registration and advising are scheduled for the next two days. In addition, classes start Monday, and we need as much time as possible to repair any weather-related damage prior to Monday.

In order to serve the students to the best of our ability, despite these challenges, we will have to implement the following operational and scheduling modifications tomorrow and Friday, January 4th and 5th:

1. Building 41 will be closed. Staff should work from home in accordance with instructions from their supervisors.
2. Faculty housed in Building 41 should fulfill their advising responsibilities by telephone, email or Blackboard. You should be available for advising purposes during normal work hours. For faculty who decide to come to campus, temporary faculty advising stations will also be available in the computer lab on the 3rd floor of Building 38 and in the Office of the Registrar on the A Level of Building 39.
3. While all other faculty and staff are expected to report to work, room-to-room and floor-to-floor building conditions cannot be anticipated with certainty. If working conditions in any given location become untenable, the supervisor may request appropriate relief from his or her respective Cabinet member.
4. Lastly, in the event that the campus is closed, all classes are expected to begin on Monday, January 8, 2018. Instructors are encouraged to leverage Blackboard for virtual instructional activities if necessary. The Center for the Advancement of Learning will be available via email at calhelpdesk@udc.edu to support any questions and has the capacity for virtual meetings if necessary. If you have not already done so, please update your syllabus to include relevant attendance and instructional-continuity policies.

We are working closely with the District for a permanent solution to this long-standing problem, but until then we will have to make do. Thank you for your commitment and perseverance, and remember Firebirds—this too shall pass.