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Dear Seattle University Students and Parents,

I am sure many of you are dealing with the weakening US economy as it has a direct impact on all of us – as families, individuals and as members of the Seattle University community. We share your concerns about the financial uncertainty and would like to tell you about our financial situation during these troubling times.

Please be assured that at Seattle University we will continue to carefully manage our finances, maintain our commitment to excellence in teaching and learning and, above all, live out our shared mission as a Jesuit Catholic university. Overall, our university finances are stable and healthy. Thanks to our strong fiscal stewardship, our primary operating budget is sound.

I am thinking of you and your family during this time of turmoil. If you are experiencing a significant change in your financial circumstances, please know that we have resources available to assist you. Seattle University offers an array of payment plans that can help you spread out tuition payments. Financial Aid programs are available to help families whose financial situation has changed. Work Study programs are available for students who need part-time employment. Federal Student Loans are available for those who need additional help. To take advantage of these resources please contact Student Financial Services at 206-296-2000, option 2, and speak with a representative.

Please know that as a university, we care deeply about the potential impact of the financial situation on our students and their families. We encourage you to stay actively engaged with us on this important issue as we are committed to working with you.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions that you would like to share on this matter, please contact Janet Cantelon, Director of Financial Aid at 206-296-5852 or cantelon@seattleu.edu.

I am confident that we will weather this economic storm together while staying true to our mission as a Jesuit Catholic university and our unwavering commitment to academic excellence. Thank you so much for your understanding and support during these challenging times.

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