Hello students,

As you know, the University of Toronto has decided that there will be no in-classroom courses offered during the regular 12 week summer session. It is possible that we will be able to run some in-classroom courses during a 6 week session beginning in July, but that has not yet been decided.

This was the right decision. However, it makes it very challenging to run the courses that we had planned to offer. Since the decision was made, we at CMS have been working hard to determine which courses we are able to offer online, which other courses we can offer during the 6-week session, and which courses we will not be able to offer this summer. As we determine that certain courses can be offered, they will appear on the UTSC Registrar’s Office web timetable. They will also be listed on the CMS web page, along with any special enrolment details such as course restrictions.

There are some courses that can be run well online, but only with small enrolments. Unfortunately, we anticipate that many students that would like to take those courses will not be able to. In such cases we will need to prioritize which students are able to enroll and restrict the first wave of enrolments to those students.

The courses that we schedule for the six-week session will be cancelled if it is decided that we cannot return to the classrooms in time. If that happens, we do not plan to run online versions of those courses.

This summer it will be particularly challenging to put together some of the resources required to run courses. I don’t anticipate that we will have to cancel courses after they are opened for registration, but this is a possibility.

We understand that this is going to cause delays for many of you. We are trying to find ways to get at least some of you through some of our courses. We also know that uncertainty about these courses makes it difficult for you to plan, and this adds to what is an already stressful time.

Most importantly, we hope that you and your families remain safe and healthy during this crisis.

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