Dear students,

What a world of difference two weeks makes!

**For those of you beginning your online classes, welcome back!** I hope that all of you are safe and well. I would like you to know that we are eager to hear from you and learn about how you are doing. We are here to serve you and ensure you are successful. To say the past few weeks have been challenging for us all would be an understatement. I know that you may be feeling anxious in light of the uncertainty posed by the spread of Coronavirus. We would like to continue engaging each of you as well as hear how you are feeling and learn how we can support you.

While moving from onsite to online instruction could be a challenge for virtually every college and university out there, we are grateful for our nearly twenty years of experience in delivering online design education. In fact, as you may know, the BAC was the first institution to launch an online accredited architecture degree in the country! So, we know how to deliver an exceptional online education experience to you. Coincidentally, we were the first higher education institution to prototype a fully online design studio last semester.

Architecture and design schools from around the country have been reaching out to us for advice and guidance about how to deliver design education online. So, please rest assured we are the world leaders in online design education. I am so proud of our faculty and staff who have been tirelessly working to make your transition from onsite to online as smooth as possible.

Stay well,
Dr. Mahesh Daas, President

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**Additional News + Resources**

**Spring 2020 Commencement Postponed**
The commencement ceremony originally scheduled for Friday, May 22, 2020, including all related events, has been postponed until further notice. This truly difficult decision was made in response to the evolving status of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and at the recommendation of public health agencies.

**Happy First Day of Virtual Learning!**
Today is the first day that many of you have transitioned from your in-person classes online. Please know we are here to assist you during this time! Our dedicated COVID-19 webpage has specific resources and tips to help you during this transition.
Virtual Lecture by President Daas on April 2
President Daas' lecture, "Being Human Being Robot: How Will We ______ Together?" will now be virtual. Stay tuned for more details.

Firms Appreciation and Shout Out
We would love to know the measures you or your firm are undertaking to provide care and comfort to our communities during this challenging time. Click here to email us what firm you are working with and how they are making a difference!

Online Library Resources
The BAC Library has composed a handy guide to some of the best remote resources available for students. Click here to check it out!

Office of Student Life Virtual Activities
The Office of Student Life is working hard to ensure you stay connected to one another during this time of social distancing. Please follow the OSL on social media and stay tuned for the Student Life Newsletter every Wednesday with new events, tips, and resources geared just for you!

#InThisTogether
The BAC sends our support in any way we can! We are here for you during these uncertain times. As always, please contact Rich Griswold if you are in need of any student resources.
Dean Karen Nelson is Featured on Archinect
Check out this article by Archinect highlighting Dean of Architecture Karen Nelson and the BAC’s Online M.Arch program!

Thank you for attending our Virtual Town Hall Meeting!
If you were unable to attend, we are working hard to post the recording for everyone to watch. Please stay tuned for more information.