Tougaloo College Return to Campus Update

As of today, Mississippi's Coronavirus case positivity rate is 21.7%. This alarming rate has shifted Mississippi from 4th place to 1st place in the United States, a 41% increase in cases over a 14-day trend. Therefore, due to the rising number of COVID-19 cases in the State of Mississippi, Tougaloo College's Administration and Student Government Association Executive Board have decided to delay the return of students to the campus.

The Division of Academic Affairs will be forging ahead with an adjusted <u>academic calendar</u> located on the College's website. Classes will begin virtually Thursday, August 6, 2020. While online learning will continue for some students for the duration of the Fall 2020 semester, in-class and hybrid instruction will commence Wednesday, September 9, 2020. Please be advised that courses with enrollment numbers of 15 or more will be required to meet online for the semester. Contact the Division of Academic Affairs at <u>academicaffairs1@tougaloo.edu</u> if you have questions or concerns.

The change in move-in dates for all students are as follows:

- August 30th − SGA Leaders and Athletes
- August 31st September 1st Incoming Freshmen and Transfer Students
- September 5th September 6th Returning Students

Fees for room and board will be adjusted accordingly based on the updated move-in dates. All activities on the campus have been postponed and will resume the first week in September with the start of Welcome Week, September 3rd through September 7th.

Please know we are concerned about how our students will be affected by this delay. Contact the Division of Academic Affairs, if you have questions or concerns. Contact the Office of the Registrar at (601) 977-7764, if you are an international student. Contact the Division of Enrollment Management and Student Services at (601) 977-7813, if you experience any travel inconveniencies or hardships such as non-refundable travel.

Please continue to monitor all major Tougaloo news outlets, including your Tougaloo email, the Tougaloo College website and social media pages, and all SGA social media outlets for more information in the near future.