

## **MEMORANDUM**

June 5, 2020

To: University of Guam Community

From: Thomas W. Krise, Ph.D., President



**Subject: UOG CARES Initiative**

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I am announcing today a new program called **UOG CARES** that will provide financial, academic, and health and wellness support to our students during the trying times of the COVID-19 pandemic. UOG CARES is part of the University of Guam's response to the needs of our students and reaffirms our commitment to helping them reach their academic goals.

### **Financial Relief**

Two initiatives under UOG CARES will provide almost immediate financial support to our students. The first is a **5% rebate on tuition** for new and returning students attending UOG during the Fanuchånan (Aug.-Dec.) 2020 semester.

Secondly, our senior leadership at UOG has also authorized the **reduction of fees for the Finakpo' 2020 summer sessions by more than 60%**. We are also discussing reductions in fees for the Fanuchånan 2020 and Fañomnåkan 2021 semesters, which will be announced at a later date.

The University is also exploring other ways to provide discounts and other financial aid to our students and will make announcements about these opportunities in the future.

### **Academic Support**

To have the best and most meaningful academic experience, students need personal access to advisement, faculty, learning resources, technology, and more. Over the last two months, UOG has upgraded infrastructure and prepared faculty and students for online classes and communication. Whether students are back in the classroom or taking courses online in the coming months, we will be ready to help them succeed.

To address the needs of many students and employees for high-speed Internet access, we have partnered with Docomo Pacific on a special home Internet rate plan for students and employees that will provide nearly 40% off regular rates. Details will be available soon.

And to help students save money on textbooks, the Triton Store will begin offering "inclusive access" digital versions of textbooks and course materials in the Fanuchånan 2020 semester. The digital versions will save students up to 70% off the cost of printed textbooks.

### **Campus Health and Wellness**

The health and safety of our students and employees is our top priority. UOG has instituted on-campus guidelines for face masks and other personal protective equipment, hygiene and sanitation,

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temperature checks, and more. Though summer classes will be held online, campus offices are open with adjusted schedules that can be found on the UOG website to serve students and the public.

The Isa Psychological Services Center on campus will also remain open over the summer as a resource for students, their families, and the Guam community.

For more details on the specific initiatives of this program, visit [www.uog.edu/uog-cares](http://www.uog.edu/uog-cares). New initiatives under UOG CARES will be added throughout the coming weeks.

We are looking forward to a future time when we can engage again with our students face to face.

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