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**Winter Quarter Announcement from the
Office of the President & CEO**

November 18, 2022

Dear Pacifica Community,

I hope the fall quarter is going well for everyone. I write to share that we will proceed with the plan to resume in-person instruction exclusively for all students in the winter quarter of 2023. The decision to proceed was based on broad consultation with the Pacifica community, including discussions with Faculty Affairs Council, staff, campus operations, and other leadership, who took into account the student experience and effects.

We are excited to have all students back together on campus once again, and we remain committed to prioritizing the health and safety of our Pacifica community. Since we officially reopened our campus doors for classes last spring, we have continually assessed our unique learning environment under pandemic conditions, including health and safety protocols that continue to exceed CDC guidelines. Masks will continue to be required in all classrooms and on Pacifica shuttles for the time being. All those on campus will continue to be required to complete a daily health screening, as well as submit proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within the past 24 hours (3 days if PCR) of arrival to campus.

Given the high value we all place on in-person instruction – and in alignment with how our current programs are approved and designed to be delivered - it is important that all students enrolled in on-campus courses now attend residential sessions in person, per [Pacifica's attendance policy \(see pg. 20\) for on-campus courses](#). Students will not have the option of attending those classes virtually. If a student is at risk of not meeting the minimum attendance requirements, they may request an exception to the policy via Education Council. Details regarding Education Council are in the Student Handbook (refer to page 16).

We have listened carefully to feedback from our community and understand that our return to full in-person instruction is welcome news for some and may cause apprehension for others. We acknowledge these concerns and ask that you please be mindful of your health precautions and considerations for other community members' needs and health-related comfort levels when coming together for sessions from various locales. Our ability to stay safe and healthy depends on your full cooperation.

As part of our continued dedication to student success, our Student Services offices are here to support you.

- [Graduate Research Library](#): for on-campus hours, links to access resources off-campus, and important library updates and contact information.
- [Writing Resources & Tutors](#): please reach out to our writing tutors free of charge for help with course papers. Remember, they are on a first come, first serve basis so please contact them well in advance of your paper due dates.
- [Student Housing & Dining](#): for any questions related to student housing and dining, please contact guestservices@pacifica.edu.
- [Disability Services](#): if you have any questions or accommodation requests, you will want to be in touch as soon as possible with the Disability Services Office.
- [Financial Aid](#): for the latest news, information, announcements, and consultation requests.
- [PGIAA Travel](#): a service to benefit students, faculty and alumni with discounts, online books, agent assist and 24/7 travel emergency assistance
- [Campus Safety](#): for campus safety and emergency procedures. Questions or concerns in these areas can be directed to safety@pacifica.edu
- Any general inquiries can be directed to studentservices@pacifica.edu for support or appointments.

Thank you for your continued grace, resilience, and support of our collective health and well-being.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lee Mathison". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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