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Dear students,

The global coronavirus crisis is disrupting the normal development of multiple industries, sectors and areas, including the university. As you know, our School maintains academic life, but without classroom activities. Therefore, students will not be able to access the different facilities of the school. The only exceptions will be the procedures of the Registrar's Office that cannot be done remotely and the loan of books previously requested online (with an appointment beforehand).

After two days of specific training for teachers —today and Monday— we will resi,e the undergraduate and master's classes on Tuesday. And we will do it with the quality, seriousness and rigor that have always characterized us. However, for a few weeks, these sessions may not be in person. This has been dictated by the health authorities, and our institution wants to set an example when it comes to exercising the responsibility that will allow us to overcome this pandemic.

From the beginning, we apologize for any errors or malfunctions in this adaptation to the virtual environment. We aim to fulfill all the objectives set for each subject with the least possible alterations, but there will necessarily be times when doubts and difficulties will arise. We will overcome them with effort, discipline and dialogue.

The spaces for academic life will primarily be Scala, our virtual campus; the email of the School, now more than ever it is advisable to check it regularly; and the Google tools, especially Drive, Calendar and Meet. With the latter you can organize meetings and classes with multiple participants.

When your teachers decide to use this resource, you only have to accept the invitation by mail and follow the <u>instructions</u>. Depending on the specifics of some practical subjects, the teaching staff will make other proposals of procedures or use of softwares.

The school timetable will not undergo any change with respect to what is included in the academic calendar. Therefore, each class will begin and end at the agreed times. If an incident occurs to alter this, the teacher will send the appropriate notice.

Under no circumstances will the recording and dissemination of this material be allowed without the explicit permission of the teaching staff. Adapting to the virtual environment will not increase the volume of work for students.

Remember that your tutors, coordinators and directors are still available. Do not hesitate to ask them questions or make suggestions. These will always be welcome and help us to improve.

Thank you very much for your collaboration.

Take very good care of yourselves.

Dr. Josep Maria Carbonell

Dean of the School