

July 24, 2020

Dear Heidelberg Community,

This morning, the Ohio Athletic Conference Presidents Council voted unanimously to postpone all NCAA intercollegiate athletic competition through December 31, 2020, amid the continued and growing concern of COVID-19. The fall sports that have intercollegiate competition postponed include cross country, football, golf, soccer, tennis, and volleyball. The winter-season sports of basketball, indoor track and field, swimming and diving, and wrestling also will have intercollegiate competition postponed during the 2020 calendar year. The OAC is committed to moving NCAA intercollegiate competition to the spring, with various models currently being discussed.

I want to reiterate that the decision to postpone fall competition and the plan to develop and execute meaningful athletic experiences was grounded in the best interests of our entire campus community and especially our student-athletes. On May 19, Heidelberg announced plans to reopen the campus for the fall semester, and those plans currently remain in place.

Athletics, and indeed all co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, is essential to the overall experience for many students, which is why this decision is deeply disappointing to so many of us. But it is the right decision. I want to assure you that a group of coaches, athletic trainers, staff and many others on our campus have been working extremely hard to study current data,