

31 July 2020

Dear Fall 2020 students and emergency contacts,

As you may know, nonessential travel was suspended due to COVID-19 back in March, but GO programs were under a separate review. The final review for GO travel for Fall 2020 occurred this week. I am sorry to share that **we are unable to approve international GO travel during the Fall 2020 semester and therefore are suspending your GO Long program.**

This decision was made based on the ability to maintain the integrity of the program and your health and safety. International travel continues to be restricted by the US State Department (Level 4: Do Not Travel), which is part of our risk management protocol. We had hoped that this warning would be lifted by now, but it has not changed.

Thank you for your continued patience throughout this time. I want to share how much I appreciate your commitment to GO. I recognize that the ambiguity of the situation may have caused additional stress – I apologize for that. We had been trying to work through a couple of different options so that you could move forward based on what you are wanting to do – giving you as many options as possible. I recognize that made things more confusing at times since you may have had to make decisions before getting all of the information, or be planning for two different possibilities.

GO Program options:

While we do not yet know what will happen for future travel, we are still planning for GO Long programs in Spring 2021 and beyond. Please let me know if you would like to defer to another GO Long program.

We will start to work with Spring 2021 students in August; if you are interested in deferring to that term, please let me know no later than August 31.

Fall Semester:

I recognize that there was a big announcement from President Green yesterday regarding updates to the Fall on-campus semester. Please refer to that e-mail for updated information.

You should have completed housing and on-campus course registration for the Fall 2020 semester. If you have any questions about housing, please contact Residence Life. Remember that if you choose remote learning to contact vpsl@susqu.edu). If you have any questions about your courses, please work with your advisor and the Registrar's Office.

I have notified your program of this decision. The GO office has already sent notice to Student Financial Services to remove any GO fees that may have been on your account. I have also notified Residence Life that you will not be abroad.

We are disappointed about the need for this action, as we know that you are — and we have made this difficult decision in the best interest of your personal health and well-being.

If you have additional questions, or would like to speak with me, please let me know and we can set up a time to talk early next week.

Best,

Molly Roe, Director of GO Program

Scott Manning, Dean of Global Programs