

We have reached the last week of distance education classes, making this “Study” week. In order to give students a little boost, a FRED Cares package will be delivered sometime this week. The campus understands how difficult this semester has been and wants each student to know we care about you, and look forward to seeing you back on campus for graduation and/or fall classes.

### **Credits/Refunds**

Please complete the request form for your refund or credit. Only 1,600 forms were submitted last week, so the majority of students have yet to complete the form. Remember, SUNY Fredonia is offering “STUDENT CHOICE” with regards to whether you want a refund or a credit. **Every student must complete a credit/refund request form**, which is very short, and requires less than one minute to complete.

If you have not filed the necessary form, please click [here](#) to reach the form. Once processed, refunds will be reflected on the spring 2020 Banner student account, and credits will be reflected on the fall 2020 Banner student account. Information on how these credits/refunds are processed was described in Distance Learning Memo #6, which can be accessed by clicking at the top of the Fredonia Home Page, then scrolling down to find the link to the memo.

### **Accreditation**

Last week the campus “virtually” hosted the Middle States accreditation visiting team. Every eight years universities and colleges across the nation must undertake an extensive self-study. The visiting team reviews the self-study, then visits the campus to determine whether the campus meets a sufficient number of the proscribed standards necessary for reaccreditation. A college must be “accredited” for its students to be eligible for federal financial assistance, so it is a very important requirement. I am pleased to report that the visiting team concluded that Fredonia continues to satisfy every single standard.

Have a good week, and please stay safe!

Sincerely,

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Interim President