Business resumes on Tulane campus after weekend storm

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Tulane President Mike Fitts visits students on the uptown campus Sunday, Oct. 8, as the university returned to normal operations after being spared a direct hit from Hurricane Nate. (Photo by Sally Asher)

While Hurricane Nate spared New Orleans, Tulane President Mike Fitts visited students on the uptown campus Sunday, Oct. 8, as the university returned to normal operations.

In case you missed the president's note to campus after the storm blew east of the city late Saturday, you can read it here:

Dear Tulane Community:

As you know, Hurricane Nate bypassed the New Orleans area as it came ashore yesterday, with the only effects being a little rain and light winds. Tulane's campuses in the New Orleans area will re-open at 11 a.m today, Sunday, Oct. 8. Our Biloxi campus, which is located close to where Hurricane Nate made its second landfall, has reported that all its students, faculty and staff are safe. However, we are still waiting for access roads to the Biloxi campus to open so we can make a thorough assessment of any facility damage.

My heartfelt gratitude goes to our Emergency Preparedness team, the Tulane University Police Department, Student Affairs, Facilities Services and numerous other offices throughout the university. A lot of energy and time was devoted to preparing for Hurricane Nate. Even though our campuses in the New Orleans area were not impacted, it was time and effort well spent. There are always important lessons learned, operations refined and friendships forged in these preparations. They will not be forgotten.

I look forward to the week ahead as we redirect our focus back to Tulane's teaching and research mission and our efforts to aid all of those affected by this season's many storms.

Mike Fitts

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