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***Faculty Line #248
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Dear colleagues,

We find ourselves at the end of another COVID-impacted semester. Thanks to everyone for toughing it out and for guiding and inspiring our students through the many challenges that we continue to face. I write to you this morning with a few end-of-year reminders as well as some important details both for the upcoming commencement ceremonies this week as well as for the summer terms.

April Faculty Senate Meeting:

The Faculty Senate meets for its final session of the 2020-2021 Academic Year this afternoon (Monday, April 26) at 2:30 EST; please join us. This meeting will be conducted remotely via Webex, with the link available from the Faculty Senate agenda on our [webpage](#). As always, all faculty, students and staff are invited.

Thanks to all who participated in the recent faculty survey on teaching during COVID-19. As part of the April Faculty Senate meeting, CTL Faculty Director Lisa Kenyon and I will share the results of this and the related student survey on learning, including some proactive measures planned by CTL based on survey results.

The Faculty Office in 138 Fawcett remains closed and our staff will be working remotely during this time. We will be checking for mail or deliveries at least once a week, but email will remain the most efficient form of communication: facultyoffice@wright.edu.

Commencement

Thank you to all the faculty members who have signed up to participate in the upcoming commencement ceremonies at both the Dayton and the Lake campuses. Please remember that we will follow strict COVID-19 protocols that require wearing masks at all times, maintaining social distancing, and that will prevent any congregating inside the buildings (for pictures, etc.).

All faculty members participating in a commencement ceremony on the Dayton Campus (Friday-Saturday April 30 and May 1) will need to enter the Nutter Center at the **McLin entrance** (near Lot #5). They should then go to the McLin Gym (not the Berry Room, as is our normal location) for robing. After robing, proceed directly to the arena floor where ushers will guide you to your college seating prior to the beginning of the ceremony. Faculty participating in the ceremony proceedings at Lake Campus (Wednesday-Thursday April 28 and 29) should park at Romer's and enter through the main doors (use this link for information about the commencement ceremonies at [Lake Campus](#)).

Note that all faculty, staff, graduates and their guests must have a ticket to attend any of the ceremonies. These tickets will not be mailed or electronically distributed. **Faculty who have registered for the ceremony in Dayton may pick up their tickets between 10am-5pm on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday this week (April 26-28). Faculty participating in a ceremony at the Lake Campus may pick up their tickets at the table outside the Lake Campus Bookstore on Monday April 26 from 10am-6pm.** Individuals without a ticket will not be permitted to enter either the Nutter Center or the Romer's Celina facility.

We could still use some assistance the day of the ceremonies, especially in between commencement ceremonies in Dayton on Saturday (when we will need to place packets on seats). If you are available to help on Saturday, May 1st, please indicate your availability using this [link](#). For further information, including links to watch the ceremony via live streaming, see the [Commencement Ceremony page](#). Please reach out to Fran Keeley (fran.keeley@wright.edu) with any questions about volunteering.

CHEH Bylaws

As part of the formation of the new College of Health, Education and Human Services (CHEH), the Faculty Office recently facilitated the vote on the college-wide bylaws, which were overwhelmingly approved by the faculty who participated in the count. Special thanks to Huma Bashir and Andy Froehle for leading the bylaws working group on this important effort.

Vote of Confidence / No Confidence

At the request of more than 50 faculty (per our adopted [procedures](#)), the Faculty Office recently facilitated a vote of confidence / no confidence in President Susan Edwards. Results were shared Friday, April 23. For the complete report and associated documents, see the [Faculty Senate Procedures webpage](#).

Summer Courses: Key Dates

We continue to refine our processes for faculty to report non-participation (in online courses) or non-attendance (in hybrid or in person courses). If you are teaching this summer, watch for the progress reports for instructors to communicate about those students who have not established attendance/participation (per [Policy 3430](#), "Course Registration, Add, Attendance, and Administrative Drop Policy").

The first two weeks are critical to catch any registration problems and communicate with students in time for them to either be able to adjust their schedule or be dropped from the class while receiving a full refund, the first two weeks of class are critical. As you review your syllabi, make sure to include some opportunity for feedback to students prior to the [100% refund date](#). The last day to drop/withdraw and receive 100% refund during Summer 2021 Full term is May 21; the deadline for A term is May 14; and the deadline for B term is June 25). For more information, see this [FAQ](#) focused on establishing attendance/participation.

Concluding Thoughts:

Thank you for affording me the privilege of serving as your faculty president during these past two academic years. I wish all of the returning and incoming Faculty Senators, and especially President-elect Brian Boyd and Vice President-elect Megan Faragher all the best. Please remember that shared governance works best with the close engagement of all. Take care, stay healthy, have a great summer, and mark your calendar for the first meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2021-2022 Academic Year on **Monday, September 20, 2021, at 2:30pm.**

With my warmest regards,

Laura Luehrmann, Professor
Faculty President