

# **Provost Report**

Faculty Senate

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## Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Response

### **COVID Updates:**

Screening of asymptomatic individuals. Following on our Fall pilot program, individuals will be screened repeatedly to monitor at-risk students populations. Less invasive antigen test with faster turn-around was planned.

Fall Asymptomatic Testing – Pilot program was successful.

Outcomes:     377 tests ordered, 321 were fulfilled (15% no-show)  
                  5 positives out of the 321 (1.6% positive)

Spring Asymptomatic Testing – The supply of antigen tests is uncertain at this time, but we plan to comply with the governor’s request that we continue to test students in our high-risk groups. This may require transition to PCR tests.

# Fall and Spring Semesters:

## Fall Calendar:

All final exams are remote

Fall commencement will be virtual – Saturday December 12, 10:00 am

## Spring Calendar:

Although many other IUC schools are altering start dates and/or canceling spring break, we currently have no plans to alter either of these.

Faculty using any delivery mode should be nimble in case we need to flip to remote delivery at some point due to a worsening pandemic situation.

As a first step in this direction, Senate will be discussing today the possibility of flipping to remote delivery for the first two weeks of spring semester.

The goal is to allow those returning to campus to quarantine post-holiday to provide a safe campus environment.

May introduce the idea of a similar one week remote session after spring break.

## How does this compare to other Ohio IUC Schools?

Many are delaying the start of spring semester to separate further from the holiday break

Others are starting on time but going remote for the first two weeks

About 2/3 have cancelled spring break.

Most of these are then scattering mental health days throughout the semester, although at least one is ending the semester a week early.

Of those keeping spring break, some are moving it later in the semester and completing the semester in a remote format

Only a few (us included) are maintaining break as planned and considering a remote week or two afterward.

Nearly all schools have maintained the delivery mode balances that were used this fall.

Some have infused more in-person delivery in the spring, but the majority are continuing the same patterns as this fall semester.

# New College of Health, Education and Human Services:

## Updates –

- Travis Doom has been meeting with a number of faculty and administrators to discuss the proposed structure and finalize the next steps.
- I am expecting a report with updates this week.

## Other Updates -

- **Dean of the College of Health, Education and Human Services** - We will continue to move this forward. I will be contacting people about serving on the search committee next week. Target date to begin review of applicants is February.
- **VPAA and Dean of the Graduate School** – Position is posted internally. Will begin to review applicants in January.

## **Never Attended/Last Date Attended Reporting**

### **Why is this important?**

#### **Federal Requirement/Consequences -**

For the 69% of our students receiving federal aid, we are obligated to verify that they have attend/participated in the course in order for them to receive this aid.

Consequences of not doing so include a requirement that the student and university return the aid monies, and has resulted in fines if we cannot show that we have a system in place to verify attendance.

#### **Student Financial Concerns –**

Students who are identified as not attending in a timely manner can be administratively withdrawn and have their bill adjusted without a labor intensive petition process.

This also:

- Provides a cleaner roster
- Decreases the financial impact on the student
- Provides us with more accurate retention numbers in subsequent years