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***Faculty Line #243
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Dear Colleagues,

I hope you and yours remain well and that your semester continues to move along as smoothly as possible given our circumstances. In this communication, the Faculty Senate EC and I want to share a few reminders and announcements of important events around the University.

November Faculty Senate Meeting:

The third Faculty Senate meeting of the Academic Year takes places **this afternoon at 2:30**; we hope many of you will join us. All Faculty Senate meetings for Fall Semester will be conducted remotely via Webex. The link is available from the Faculty Senate agenda on our webpage: wright.edu/faculty-senate. As always, all faculty, students and staff are invited to attend.

The Faculty Office in 138 Fawcett will remain closed for Fall Semester, 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 or laura.luehrmann@wright.edu.

Courses: Remote only after Thanksgiving:

As was communicated last summer, there will be no face to face instruction after the Thanksgiving break. In other words, all courses will be remote-only for the 15th week of classes (November 30-December 5), as well as exam week (December 7-12). Please make sure your students are well aware; during these hectic times, an extra reminder or two may be helpful for all.

Raidersgiving 2020:

Speaking of Thanksgiving, I am happy to share that one of our greatest University traditions is being adapted for the COVID-times. Although we are unable to host our traditional "Raidersgiving" celebration, this year's 9th annual event is set up in "grab and go" style. Please note that advance registration is required (by November 15). Details can be found at: wright.edu/event/raidersgiving.

Raider Food Pantry:

The Raider Food Pantry still needs donations, including of food and select personal care items. If you are able, please consider a donation, and also help make sure students are aware of this resource established to help end food insecurity among our students. A list of needs can be found at: wright.edu/foodpantry.

Reminder: Upcoming Deadlines for Curriculum Committees:

As we have been communicating, the integration of our curriculum approval process via Curriculog and the online catalog require streamlining of the submission and approval deadlines for courses, certificates and programs. Most importantly, items that have not made their way through the full committee approval process (including approval by the Faculty Senate) before the end of the Academic Year will be cleared from the queue and therefore need to be re-submitted from scratch for consideration at the beginning of the following

Academic Year. Items that require Faculty Senate, Board of Trustees, and/or approval by the Ohio Department of Higher Education need to be submitted to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UCC) or Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC) in January (**meaning that they need to have completed the college-wide approval processes prior to this time; ideally, by the end of December**).

Please note these important deadlines, and make sure all members of departmental and college curriculum committees are aware of them. If you have any questions, reach out to UCC Chair Barb Dunaway, GCC Chair Misty Richmond, or your college representative on either of these committees.¹

Graduate Faculty Membership: Alternative Criteria for Credentialing

As many of you will remember, WSU's Graduate Faculty Membership policy ([WSU Policy 2160](#)) was significantly revised in 2019 in order to comply with changed faculty credentialing standards per our accrediting agency, the Higher Learning Commission. The current [web page for the graduate faculty membership nomination process](#) describes the new process in detail, but the most significant change is the availability of "alternative criteria" for graduate faculty membership.

There is an online repository of [Alternative Criteria that have already been approved](#), which may serve as examples for other departments and programs as they begin creating their own alternative criteria. Such criteria would typically apply to a specific degree program, although they may apply to more than one program within a department or particular discipline. Programs and certificates that are covered by department-level criteria should be identified on the alternative criteria form.

If you have questions, please contact the chair of the Graduate Faculty Membership Committee, Kim Lukaszewski (kimberly.lukaszewski@wright.edu) and/or the Interim Dean of the Graduate School, Barry Milligan (barry.milligan@wright.edu).

Faculty Senate Committee Spotlight: Information Technology (IT):

This year, the Faculty Senate Information Technology Committee is again chaired by Sheri Stover, who submitted the following spotlight report from the committee. So far this year, the IT committee has been monitoring the support of remote teaching. CaTS reports that University labs are now being accessed remotely by opening up the software using the VPN to create a remote session, providing access to files and programs stored on University servers. Adobe Creative Cloud and Cloud cannot be utilized in this manner due to subscription terms and conditions restrictions. CaTS has used the CARES Act support to invest in some infrastructure, especially our VDI environment. They hope to make software remotely available for students. The CTL is continuing to offer faculty online training, including an additional learning community focused on remote teaching. As web conferencing tools are now used more after hours, the CTL is developing documentation for technical emergencies. The Dunbar Library reports that they are happy to be open and busy with many faculty and students coming through each day. Due to the recent 13.5% budget cut, the University Libraries had to cancel additional journals, as they shared with impacted departments.

Issues that the Faculty Senate IT Committee is considering for the 2020-2021 academic year thus far include (1) Development of an online Pilot support tutorial for students; (2) Web conferencing system evaluations; (3) Attendance taking systems; and (4) Google subscriptions for WSU or specific departments.

Faculty with questions or issues about the use of technology on campus should notify their college representatives to the Faculty Senate IT Committee (Kayleigh Duncan, CECS; Nancy Garner, COLA; Erik Potts,

¹ https://www.wright.edu/sites/www.wright.edu/files/page/attachments/AY2020-21_CommitteeRoster.pdf

COSM; Brandon Morris, RSCOB; Cristina Redko, BSOM; Teresa Richter, LAKE; Ann Stalter, CONH; and Sheri Stover, CEHS, Chair).

Concluding Thoughts:

In closing, please continue to take care of yourselves, especially as our hours of daylight grow shorter and our “to do” lists grow longer. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee encourages faculty to demonstrate empathy and flexibility with our students as we near the end of the semester. COVID-19 has altered the lives of students, staff and faculty alike. Let us work to support one another as best we can in these challenging times.

Be well, keep in touch, and please mark your calendar for the December meeting of the Faculty Senate on **Monday, December 7th at 2:30** (via Webex).

With warm regards,

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