

Provost Report

Faculty Senate

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Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Response

COVID Updates:

Screening of asymptomatic individuals - pilot program started. Preparing for Spring program. Select individuals will be screened repeatedly to monitor at risk students and employee populations. Less invasive antigen test with faster turn-around.

Dashboard Changes:

Will change structure – considering eliminating “confirmed” vs “self-reported” categories. Roll all together into “positive cases”.

Separately share information on screening data – Number of tests administered/number positive

Submission of self reports remains critical: (<https://www.wright.edu/ehs-incident-report>)

Fall and Spring Semesters:

Fall Calendar:

All in person, on campus classes will switch to remote after November 25

All final exams will be remote

Fall commencement will be virtual

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 flexible delivery should be nimble in case we need to flip to remote upon return to campus for spring semester, or after spring break.

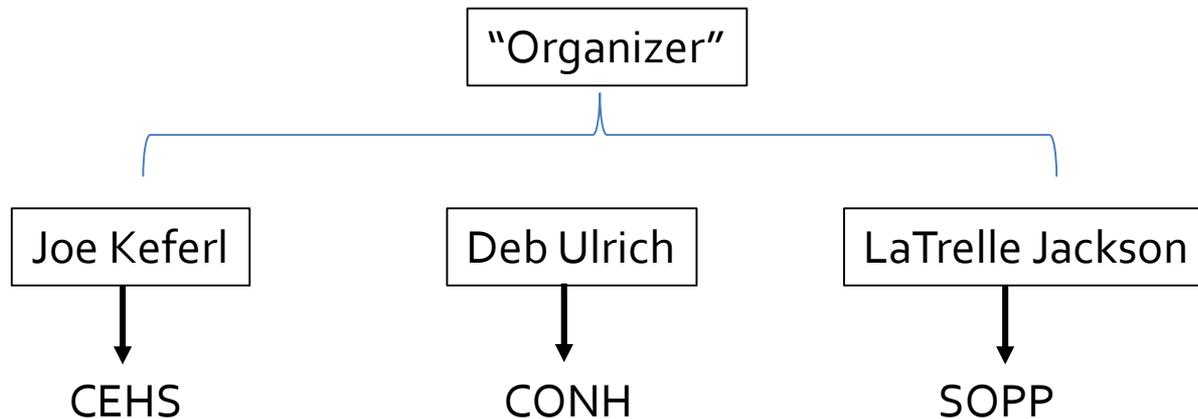
As highlighted in my note from last week, weather delays or cancellations should not affect any remote delivery or hybrid classes.

In preparation for the above, faculty should reach out to business officers, chairs or deans now if you have technology needs as we move into these schedules.

Interim Leadership – New College:

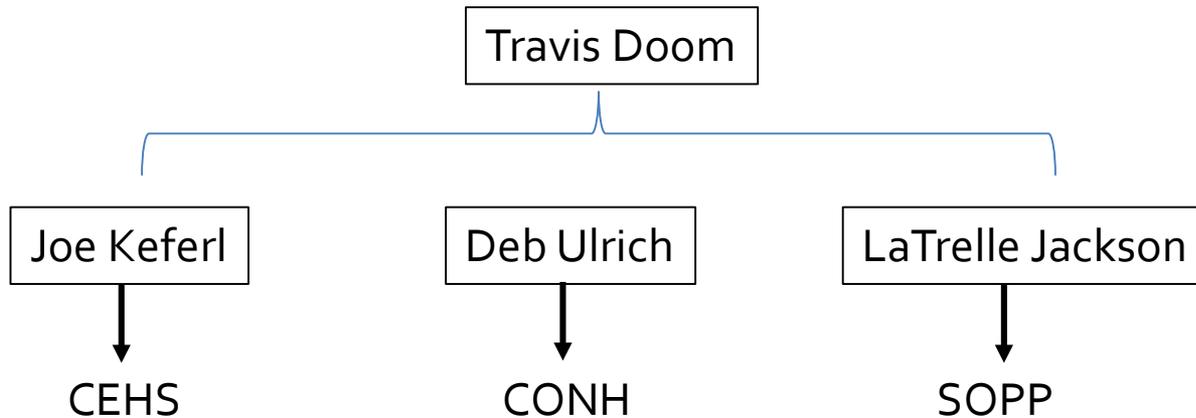
Rationale –

- Provide a neutral, knowledgeable party to help organize the logistics of new college formation
- Allows current deans freedom to run their current colleges
- Also allows each a neutral platform to consider applying for the permanent role



Campus Reorganization – New College:

- I asked Travis Doom if he would be willing to help move the New College forward by serving in this overall coordinator or organizer role:



- * [Nov 2] Finalize affected units, and consider feedback on College name (Qualtrix survey closed Nov 1)
- * [Nov 9] Finalize college name, discuss schools/departments
- * [Nov 16] Consider feedback and finalize schools/department organization, names, and leadership organization (Due Nov 16 to Tammy)
- * [Nov 23] Review draft recommendation prior to sending it to the affected Faculty, Faculty President, and Provost for support/opposition
- * [Nov 25] Draft ready for Faculty and Provost Council support/opposition.

Interim-to-non-interim positions - updates

We will continue to move the following forward:

- **New College** –
As reported last meeting, the founding dean search is planned, and will replace the current interim leadership structure. Was waiting on a name, but now a search can proceed.
- **Lake Campus Dean Search**
- **Graduate School** - I had hoped to have this a little farther along, but it is my intention to re-imagine this position as a Vice Provost role with added duties. Conceivably a “VP for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Graduate School”, although not finalized.
 - Would be advertised internally to solicit applicants
 - Expect description to be finalized this week
 - Ideal timeframe would be a January start