

Provost Report

Faculty Senate

October 12, 2020

Douglas W. Leaman, PhD

Interim Provost



Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Response

COVID Updates:

Expansion to screening of asymptomatic individuals will begin over the next few weeks. We will be targeting high risk student populations, but also will provide targeted faculty and staff screening for those engaged in on-campus or in-person activities.

Reminder – Online request process for on-campus events:
(<https://www.wright.edu/coronavirus/in-person-activity-planning>)

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

Reminder – travel quarantine post-travel remains in effect:
(<https://www.wright.edu/coronavirus/infectious-disease-prevention-and-mitigation-plan>)

Campus Reorganization – New Health College:

- Provisional college structure designed and ready for feedback
 - Communication with college/school leaders - ongoing
 - Meeting with others interested in an update next Tuesday (invite today)
- Faculty, staff, stakeholder workgroups have been contacted, charges crafted
- **This week:** Founding Dean Search Committee selection. A draft position description will be finished and disseminated.
- Asking all groups to meet regularly to process through the issues needed to address before Fall '21.

Other re-org: We are following precisely what I reported at the September faculty senate meeting – following ARC2 suggestions:

Plan to pivot to a small internal working group from CECS and COSM to further consider how a merger might impact a potential STEM college.

Spring Semester:

Spring Schedule

First complete pass through schedule indicates roughly 70% remote, with the remainder split between D4 and D5 delivery modes.

This is consistent with many of the other IUC Schools.

Many parent and student requests for more flexible (D5) courses in the spring.

As a critical determinant of Fall-to-Spring retention this year, we should consider if there is room for adjustment.

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.

With a small on-campus student population, we do not anticipate a significant impact of either a return from holiday break or an impact of spring break on rates of cases. Have the ability to quarantine students or flip to remote if needed