

TO: Faculty Senate Report

FROM: Jeff Gingerich, PhD
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

DATE: March 12, 2020

RE:

COVID-19 or novel coronavirus developments

Much of our attention over the past few weeks has been concentrated on preparing a safe response to the COVID-19, or novel coronavirus, pandemic. As you know by now we are responding through the following measures

The University will cease face-to-face instruction and move classes remotely beginning on Monday, March 30, 2020. Classes will operate as normal with the regular schedule until March 13.

This decision extends Spring Break by one week. We are asking faculty to use the time between March 14 and March 29 to take advantage of the resources we are providing to transition your classes to remote instruction.

As always, you are free to reach out to students during break but should not hold class or require assignments to be due between Saturday, March 14 and Sunday, March 29.

Remote instruction will continue at least until the conclusion of Easter Break, which begins on April 9. We hope to resume on-campus classes on April 14, but will continue to monitor the situation and continue regular communication with you until that time.

Current online graduate programs will continue as previously scheduled.

Midterm grades should still be submitted by Wednesday, March 25th by noon.

over the past few days and the resources and to transition their courses to a distance format. I know this is not easy for everyone and yet it was important that we made this decision for the health and safety of our faculty, students and staff.

The CTLE and ITR have prepared a number of faculty workshops that I encourage everyone to take part in; they are adjusting their staffing and support to provide extra support to faculty making the transition.

_____ that includes campus communications and links to information about F1 i OVID. The Incident Management Team has met since the beginning of the

continue to provide information and updates on this webpage as warranted by changing circumstances. FAC and Faculty Senate leadership are now meeting with this group.

One of the key decisions in the upcoming days will be whether we extend the semester for an additional week (into _____ or whether we end the semester as planned (effectively shortening the semester). I fully recognize that this impacts how faculty revise their course design and will continue to try to move this decision forward. Consistent communication with faculty will be important. Again, thank you for your efforts on behalf of our student learning. I especially hope that everyone continues safe practices for your own individual health and the health of your families.

Strategic Plan

The Board of Trustees affirmed the following strategic goals for our next university strategic plan at their February board meeting. The trustees were very impressulow. Again,

2019 Graduate Highlights:

99% of the students have found **success** in their intended path (full-time employment, continued education, or part-time employment).

We were able to gather information for **83%** of the class, far exceeding the national recommendation of 65% knowledge rate.

The average salary of the graduates was **\$69,494**.

Provost Council Updates

The Council agreed that a framework, similar to the protocol that is in place for Faculty-Led Study Abroad courses, need to be developed to cover for non-credit international trips, international internships and domestic service trips.

Curriculum Update

New Course

OT 491: Research and Scholarship

OT 493: Research & Scholarship II

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2/24/20

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