

Announcements for the FS meeting 2020-August-20

- **New Winter II Term** There will be a new Winter II term starting on December 03. It will run through January 08, 2021. This allows for an additional week in January that can be used for Labs, etc. Students participating in Winter II term will move into their dorms already January 02 and 03. Other students will start January 04-08. This new Winter II can be fully online, but has the option of running a lab during the January 04-08 week. The "normal" Winter term will start as planned on December 14 and will run through January 08. Please make colleagues and in particular students aware of this opportunity and that for financial aid purposes this will count towards the Spring semester. This means that students can lower their load in Spring, and keeping their full-term status while taking a class less during the Spring semester.
- **Draft Plan for Spring 2021** (Meeting with the Provost on August 28) The current plan is that we will start as planned on January 11, but the first two weeks will be fully online and face-to-face and hybrid classes will start with their face to face components on January 25. However, for classes that have a lab component those can start their labs already on January 19. This will allow for a more gradual influx of student onto campus. The plan is also to cancel Spring Break to avoid that students leave for a week, go to the beaches and come back. The semester will end a week early, finish lectures on April 23 and finals week will be April 26 to 30. Let me know what you think.
- **University's COVID-19 Response:** The Executive Councils of Faculty Senate and Staff Congress together with the faculty regents met with President Morgan, Russ Mast, Goldie Williams, Max Ammons, Kim Oatman, Mary Fister-Tucker, and Harold Nally of August 28 to discuss the University's response to COVID 19. The Faculty Welfare and Concerns sub-committee had compiled a list of question for faculty (see attachment). Many of the questions were addressed. The numbers of new cases are also listed now on the Healty at MSU webpage <https://www.moreheadstate.edu/healthyatmsu>. The COVID-19 Rapid Response Team is made up due to peoples position on campus.

Any response to COVID+ begins with the rapid response team—the notification to team may come from student, St Claire, health department, faculty, etc. It may take up to 72 hours to categorize and notify all concerned. If a student goes to St. Clair the students name, MSU ID, phone number, category, and anticipated time to release to health department reported to the response team.

The student is categorized into one of the following categories:

- confirmed COVID-19 positive
- Symptoms, possibly COVID 19 positive
- Confirmed Close Contact (e.g. roommate of COVID 19 positive)
- Possible Close Contact

”Contact” means being in contact for more than 15 minutes at less than 6ft distance and/or without mask. Note that class mates are not considered ”close contact” if social distancing rules and mask wearing was followed.

For a student on campus if tested positive, needs to be isolated. This is done in Nunn which is dedicated for this purpose now. Has a capacity of 70-80 rooms. Students could leave and go home, however, this requires an approval by the help department. If in isolation it means 10 days for COVID positive and 14 days for close contact cases. Students are supplied with food. They are checked on once per day. Students are responsible and choose to stay here.

If there is a case in somebody's class, faculty will receive an email from Max Ammons stating that a student will be on extended absents due to a public health risk. This could be for any reason, so don't start speculating.

There are various points at which we may have to go fully online again. This may happen if

- Capacity at local hospital
- Governor closes universities down
- Number of positive cases increases within a two week period
- Capacity at Nunn reaches about 80-90% corresponding to 61-69 rooms.
- St. Claire can not provide enough tests. Dr Morgan stated that St Claire receives testing kits each day, but that there may be a period of time when tests are unavailable
- Number of teaching faculty unable to teach or could not obtain a substitute, or if core/ essential staff had interruptions to operations could also create a pivot situation– *no critical number of faculty or staff were cited

When asked how to address unmasked students, staff, or faculty, or report policy violations, campus constituents were asked to either openly request the persons comply with policy or send an email to Max Ammons (for students), or faculty/ staff supervisor. Harold Nally may eventually become involved if faculty or staff do not respond to supervisor's request. In addition, Lesia Lennex also talked with MSU police Chief Harrison last week, who told her, that the MSU Police will not enforce mask policy compliance as they consider it an administrative regulation.

About Cleaning (check also the previous meeting's announcements): All classrooms are cleaned starting at 05:00 every day. The mist spread in the class room will

disinfect the air and well the surfaces. In principle this treatment is good for 10 days. Kim Oatman also reminded everybody to clear each workspace after each class. Wipe surfaces down. In resident halls common spaces are treated and wiped down. In case of a positive case the room is locked for three days and the disinfected.

- **LiveSafe App:** This app is available from the MSU WEbpage at <https://www.moreheadstate.edu/Administration/Police/LiveSafe-App> LiveSafe is a two-way communication tool to help students with their saftey in order to
 - Lowers barriers for people to participate in community safety.
 - Relevant to the way students live and expect information.
 - Empowers students to look out for one another.

The MSU police is monitoring this app as well.

- **Senate Photos** Because we can not meet in person this year we will not have group photos of the Senate and the Executive Council. Instead we ask everybody to submit a photo of themselves to our Communication Officer Lesia Lennex (l.lennex@moreheadstate.edu) who will then collect the photos and send them to marketing so they can be posted on our senate webpage. Here are the requirements for the photos:

If faculty submit photos they need to good quality – at least 100dpi resolution. Most smart phones will take photos at this level. They should be clear, in focus, and should not include other people or logos or paraphernalia from other schools. They should look as professional as possible (i.e. not a selfie from the car or bathroom, yes, we've had those submitted). Please do not crop the photos, but send us the highest resolution and largest version possible so we can crop to match (no smaller than 2 inches by 3 inches – or 300 pixels wide).

You can also make an appointment with the University photographer Tim Holbrook: t.holbrook@moreheadstate.edu

The Deadline senind the photos to Lesia is **September 15, 2020**.