

Faculty Meeting (June 2020)

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- Approval of minutes
- Announcements
 - Response to recent killings of Black folks. The following are an attempt at transcribing the discussion, although many things were missed and therefore summarized or possibly omitted.
 - * Bernard: we're all aware of the events which have happened, well its unfair to say the last week. this is an ongoing crisis. but it has intensified with ..
Against the background of the covid crisis.
A lot of feelings being released.
Its fair to say that rn when we're approaching final examination periods, this is not something that is high prority for, its not to say this is not high priority, just a lot of students are not int he frame of mind where a lot of exams
UW groups send official recommendation to have alot of understanding and to provide accomodations as they see fit.
I did send email for these accomodations
Accomodate as you see fit
Main thing is to be aware that there is this allowance / encouragement from admin to make these accomodations
Apart from teaching, we're also mentoring. Also ask that as you're having meetings that you have awareness and understanding of what's going on and understand where students are coming from. Do what you always do best, understand your students and work with them. Work with your students as you can.
 - * Anne: It seems like we're not supposed to wait to ask for them for additional accomodations
 - Bernard: One of the reasons is you don't want to put students in position where they hve to come to you and put them in the position where they have to say "this isn't working for me". If we make proactive accomodations, making it easier for them, reduce stress, etc.
 - * Eric: My best effort to read communications from students and admin on this is that there is a request by the admin to make a i guess for the univ to step forward and make a proactive response

- to offer i guess in the words of a petition to offer an answer. There was a need felt for the university to come forward and do something. Here it is for you, you don't need to come to me.
 - * Tom: Also making final optional (count as another homework)
 - already set up as take home
 - dropping lowest HW
 - return to campus
 - * Provost: “nothing is official, but here’s how things are shaping up”:
 - hinting at fall quarter as hybrid model
 - should not operate classes at more than 20% capacity to allow people to spread out
 - large classes taught as they were in spring
 - had to fill out spreadsheet for college for where this might be an option, would you be interested to teach on campus
 - reached out to instructors who were assigned for smaller classes and ask their preference
 - priority given to classes where in person stuff is more important than what is typically in our classes
 - SU and SPU have early start (10wk quarter through thanksgiving and then done)
 - priority deadline for PhD program is now listed (Dec. 1)
 - * goal to entice students to apply earlier to make process easier for review
 - * a lot of other schools including competitors have priority deadline tied to funding
 - right now this isn’t what we have
 - may make some early decision on first pool, but hopefully not
 - graduation June 13
 - * would like faculty participation
 - * significantly lower numbers than usual (~30 participants vs ~50 in a regular year)
 - but expect more families, etc.
- Bylaws
 - One topic decided better to discuss in executive session, so moved there.