



CAS Town Hall Meeting via Zoom May 22, 2020

History of COVID-19 Planning and Next Steps

- The Deans were charged were coming up with a plan for how to offer face to face instruction for the fall 2020 semester safely on May 1st
 - First decided on a set of guiding principles on what the suggested guidelines should accomplish.
 - Prioritizing the health and safety of students, faculty, and guests.
 - Reinforcing individual responsibility for their own health and the greater OSU community.
 - Optimizing the learning environment relevant to content and health risks.
 - Social environment that is responsible to avoid transmission, but still socially enriching.
 - Student experience continues and builds on OSU's tradition of critical engagement with students in and out of formal instruction
 - Used these principles to develop the necessary guidelines.
 - The guidelines presented were as specific as possible to bring clarity to the issue.
 - Overall the guidelines included ways to implement social distancing and PPE to keep faculty, staff, and students safe while resuming face to face instruction in the fall.
 - Also made recommendations for how to safely allow students to return to campus in August.
- A plan was presented to the Provost and Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance on May 15th.
- The Provost and Senior Vice President are planning to present a finalized set of recommendations/plan by June 1st
 - June 1st is the target date, not a guaranteed date
 - Keep in mind that OSU will continue to monitor the disease over the next few months even after the Provost and Senior Vice President make their announcement

Reviewed and answered several questions that were submitted prior to the meeting as well as in the Zoom chat

- Guidelines/requirements
 - Expecting that the Provost/Senior Vice President will send out the official guidelines/requirements and that CAS will have the flexibility for how to enforce them
 - They will be uniform across the University
 - OSU is purchasing face masks for employees
 - Chris Barlow, the Director of University Health Services, is heading up a public health committee to make sure that OSU is doing everything possible to keep people safe while re-opening campus and moving to face to face instruction in the fall
- Students returning to campus
 - The guidelines/requirements from the Provost and Senior Vice President will address this. The deans did consider several options and ways the university can remain safe with students returning from so many different places (including temperature checks



and disease testing), will see what is decided from central administration and will implement the decision from there.

- We are not expecting to return to “business as usual” this fall, there will be social distancing requirements for classes and college functions
- Cleaning/facilities/sanitation
 - The college is looking at ways to disinfect and keep surfaces clean both for the staff/faculty as well as the classrooms in the fall with students.
 - Supplies will be available for cleaning/sanitizing as well as additional measures than what we had before the pandemic started.
 - Expecting directional flow within the buildings to be present (similar to what stores have done with a designated entry door and designated exit door; also will have staircases designated as going up and others as going down).
 - Also researching any changes to the ventilation systems in the buildings.
- Human Resources
 - Human Resources is working with the Equal Employment Opportunity office to develop a form and procedure for any COVID-19 related accommodation requests. This is so that any decisions will be uniform throughout OSU and confidential information will be kept confidential.
- Travel
 - No word yet on what type of travel may be approved for the fall.
 - Some in-state travel related to research has been approved on a case-by-case basis.
- COVID-19 on campus
 - Contact tracing is being discussed if someone becomes ill.
 - Plans are being considered to quarantine anyone who lives on campus and becomes ill.
- Fall 2020 Semester
 - Anticipating that large, indoor performances will not be possible this fall, but this does not mean that there will be no performances at all.
 - Working on making sure that the larger spaces not usually used for lecture have the necessary equipment in them for faculty to teach courses in these larger spaces (even if the equipment is not the same as what is available in the traditional spaces).
- Things to discuss/address with your department head (or supervisor for staff)
 - How much work must be done in the office vs. at home.
 - Offering your course as a hybrid/hyflex model to achieve social distancing and what that will look like for your class.