

## **Provost's Announcements to the Faculty Senate September 28, 2021**

- 1. Flexibility in working with students impacted by COVID-19:** SU's Student Government Association (SGA) has asked that faculty consider ways to support students who are in quarantine or in isolation as a result of COVID-19. **FS Action: Consider how to maximize student support, especially those who may not be able to attend class for an extended period.**
  
- 2. Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion and the Tenure & Promotion Process (DEI in T&P) Work Group Report:** The work group established in May, 2021 to examine DEI in T&P has completed their report and recommendations which were transmitted to the Faculty Senate President on 9/18/21. **FS Action Requested: Request an invitation to present the report at a FS meeting and determination of next steps by the FS.**
  
- 3. COVID Questions & Answers:** Vaccination percentages improve each week. Vaccination statistics will be added to the COVID-19 webpage.

As noted in a communication from Stay Informed on 9/14/21, fully vaccinated, asymptomatic members of our campus community may pick-up free, take-home COVID-19 test kits at the GSU Information Desk between 8 am and midnight, Monday through Friday.

Although we have not confirmed that points of contact were on campus, we have been monitoring the number of breakthrough cases among employees in Academic Affairs. Since 9/7/21 (when this type of monitoring began), eight total cases out of more than 872 fully vaccinated employees in Academic Affairs have been reported. **FS Action Requested: Happy to take any questions or feedback.**