

Provost's Announcements to the Faculty Senate

April 26, 2022

- 1. Focus on Campus Re-Engagement:** As mentioned at the last FS meeting, we are establishing a working group to discuss and plan for mechanisms to increase support and engagement in the upcoming year. We seek two faculty members to serve on this campus-wide working group which will engage with several existing committees and shared governance entities. **FS Action Requested: Happy to take any questions or feedback.**
- 2. Grad Walk 2022:** The Grad Walk schedule is available [here](#). The invitation to faculty to attend Grad Walks for students in their programs will be sent on Tuesday, April 26th. **FS Action Requested: Happy to take any questions or feedback.**
- 3. Enrollment Projections for Fall 2022:** The 4/20/22 Weekly Enrollment Update indicated a nearly 16% increase in First-Year students but a 20% and 12% decline in transfer and graduate students, respectively, compared to same date last year. Also of concern are more than 800 current undergraduate students who have not yet registered for the Fall semester. The final Admissions Open House was held on April 23rd and was well attended. Thanks again to everyone who supports our enrollment management goals (recruitment and retention of undergrads, graduate students, and students taught at satellite sites and online). **FS Action Requested: Happy to take any questions or feedback.**
- 4. COVID Questions & Answers:** We seem to be continuing to trend in the right direction, but there are increases in cases in several areas around the country. For the week ending on 4/20/22 (Thursday to Wednesday), the weekly positivity rate was less than 0.5% (N=1,137). Please note that testing is now largely of individuals with symptoms or exemptions (so not a representative sample).

 - Four Academic Affairs employees are currently reported as Not Cleared for a medical reason.
 - KN95 masks continue to be required in instructional/high density settings and are available at the GSU information desk. We will strive to have extra masks available in departmental offices so faculty can access them for evening classes if students forget to bring a mask to class. Masks should be available in the deans' offices and other locations from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm each weekday.
 - We encourage good mask etiquette of all (e.g., if others ask you to wear a mask, please do).
 - Campus Health continues to provide [COVID vaccinations](#) (including second boosters).

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