

April 29, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

I hope all is well with you as this semester winds down. As you know, things are beginning to look a bit better, and we wanted to share with you a couple announcements and an update on course delivery planning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Final grades should be open for faculty Wednesday, May 6th by noon. Grades will close Tuesday, May 12th at 5:00 pm. Please submit letter grades as per usual practice.
- Because the current circumstances preclude having a regular faculty meeting, we will not hold committee elections this semester. During our first faculty meeting (whether in-person or remote) the PPC will announce committee openings and schedule elections for a subsequent meeting.

UPDATE:

- As you know, the State is pursuing a staged reopening schedule. We continue to closely track all official orders, recommendations, and guidelines. Summer courses will remain online, but clinical programs, which have robust summer schedules, are currently being reviewed for partial normalization. We should be able to finalize safety-prioritized plans for those programs soon. For general academic operations most relevant to the fall, there are three plans under consideration: 1) full normalization; 2) fully remote; 3) a hybrid model where smaller classes meet in-person in classrooms that can accommodate adequate social distancing and larger classes are delivered remotely. We remain flexible as this situation continues to evolve, and we remain optimistic. More information will be shared as we proceed.

As always, thank you for all you do, and stay healthy.

Sincerely,
Steve