

**College Council Meeting
May 28, 2020**

Present: Noah, Chris, Elise, Kevin M. Susanne, Tom, Angela, Hannah, James, Kevin McG, Mila, Kevin S, Gariot

Fall Planning amidst COVID-19

The COVID-19 task force is a sub-committee of College Council and Rick, as head of the task force, has brought a summary of recommendations to this meeting in addition to a summary of the faculty survey as it relates to fall 2020.

There is general support amongst the faculty to return, but it comes with a great deal of concern. The faculty would like to know they have some level of autonomy in making decisions about course delivery, given their personal concerns about the virus.

The majority of faculty felt strongly that there should be no changes to the fall calendar. There was also general support for the idea that we have stronger advising teams to support students.

Mila reported the majority of students do want to come back to campus. 45.5% prefer face-to-face, 39.4% hybrid, and 15.2% opted for distance learning. There are some, however, who are not planning to come back due to the pandemic. The majority of the Student Affairs team supports having students return to campus. Mila advocates for a physician on campus or a nurse practitioner.

Gariot reported the small group tasked with making this set of recommendations conducted research in a variety of ways. With the decision to return in the fall, an implementation team would need to begin work immediately to prepare for the fall, including procedures, processes, protocols and contingency plans in the event of a surge. They will also identify related costs for new technology, other personnel, etc.

Susanne stated the idea of flexibility and agency for faculty and students is important, whether it's in-classroom, remote, or some combination of the two. She commended the task force for considering all options.

Tom moved to accept the recommendation to return in fall 2020, with modifications necessary to ensure the safety of community members. Kevin Stokes seconded the motion and there was unanimous support for the recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Brown