

Colleagues,

First, I want to thank you all for your continued patience as we navigate through this unprecedented time and the impacts that it has on our campus community. The Emergency Response Team (operating under the EOC) has approved the *Face-to-Face Instructional Guidelines for the Fall 2020 Semester* that was drafted by the Subcommittee for Classroom Safety Procedures. I have attached these guidelines and would ask that each unit work with your Chair and Dean to implement these guidelines leading into the fall semester. I understand that there will continue to be questions and likely some concerns as we prepare for the return of our students to campus but I do believe that the [University Guidance on Wearing of Face Coverings and Social Distancing](#) (attached) and the [Face-to-Face Instructional Guidelines](#) will allow for us to meet the needs of our students in a safe and effective manner.

Of note, I do have a retreat scheduled with the Deans and Chairs on July 14<sup>th</sup> and as a part of this day long retreat we will be discussing and working through questions regarding the Face-to-Face Instructional Guidelines for the Fall 2020 semester. I am confident that following this retreat the Chairs and Deans will have a strategy that will work best for the academic programs and services that they oversee and will work with each of you to find the best solution to ensure that we maintain our high level of academic quality.

I appreciate each of you for your passion, diligence and willingness to persevere and find solutions to meet our students educational needs. As I said in a recent message - *You Are Southeast!*

Joining you in service,

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