Fall Contingency Planning 3.18.21

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- The Fall 2021 was open for viewing on March 8.
- Our approach had been to make pedagogically driven decisions regarding modality and have a “normal” fall.
- We were unsure what to put into Banner for capacities (3 vs 6ft).
  - We went back to regular capacities because of the uncertainty.
  - We expect that there will still be social distancing and we will need to adjust capacities.
- 70% of courses for Fall 2021 are scheduled in person, 6% Hybrid, 24% Online
- What if normal does not happen? How do we pivot?
- Things you can’t ask guidance (i.e., have you had the vaccine?)
  - Suggestions for faculty for how you can navigate these conversations.

Group Discussion

- We should communicate that this group has been convened again.
  - Suggestions on how to communicate better?
    - Mass communications that come out on Friday, it is hard because everyone is done for the week (mornings).
    - Reinforced through Academic Forum.
    - Messaging needs to be more public.
- Ask folks about what they are worried about for fall.
  - Another FAQ like last year (vaccines, etc.)
- Resurrect “what to do when...” there is an exposure, any fine tuning?
- How does Sindecuse feel that their messaging worked?
- Can Sindecuse provide what percentage of our community has been vaccinated?
  - This could encourage faculty to go back into the classroom.
- Can we add a vaccination question to the screening survey?
- New quarantine guidelines updated for campus. When can students come back after exposure or positive test?
- Do students have to be vaccinated to get into the dorms?
- If people are concerned about being around someone not vaccinated, turn to CDC guidelines.
- Recommendations for incorporating virtual tools into in person courses (how to take the good things we learned and incorporate)
  - Tutoring, office hours, advising, as examples.
- Educating faculty on what to expect for in person (think about different scenarios)
  - Getting the absence notifications, student tests positive, vaccination questions
- Can we have a health campaign at the beginning of fall?
  - Vaccination/awareness campaign
  - Student coalition?
  - Fall Welcome
- Can we get capacities for 3 and 6ft for our next meeting?
- Three working groups – ask for volunteers:
  - Pivot plans
  - What to expect and what does this mean?
  - Recommendations incorporating virtual practices in “regular life”