



## No. 16 | March 12, 2020

- I. Welcome & Land Acknowledgement
  - A. Delivered by Fabi
- II. Update on COVID-19 situation by VPSL Robin Holmes-Sullivan
  - A. Few more communications coming tomorrow and this weekend. Been talking to some students, very helpful. Sure you are all getting questions, want to make sure you can provide information and peer-to-peer support. Situation constantly changing.
  - B. We were waiting for a disruptive event to move online (like a case on campus). Other Oregon schools transitioned and it was recommended by Governor Kate Brown. It won't be a perfect system, but everyone is working hard to adjust. Made more sense to tell you it will last to the end of semester (originally considering April 10) but seemed confusing and a cost to the students.
  - C. Tomorrow will be about major events on campus, any non-essential events, >50 attendees will likely be canceled.
    - 1. Will sports teams be playing?
    - 2. The NCAA and Northwest Conference have already canceled games. Athletic Director still has to make a decision on practices, NCAA did not stop practices, but it makes sense to do so. Includes CO trips.
  - D. Communicating with CAS parents so we're doing our best to give them information. It's been helpful so far.
  - E. Student Life turning to helping students leave the residence hall. Will include storage options, working on that now.
  - F. What does this mean for work study students and student workers?
    - 1. Campus will remain open, those employed will continue to work.

Schedules may be modified to “de-densify” the campus. Students are the largest population, that’s why you’re allowed to go home. If you have a job and want to continue to work that is completely fine.

G. Should students going home fully plan on moving out?

1. Yes, the issue we want to avoid is going home then coming to campus then going home again. If you have the capacity to go home and be safe then do that now. Working on methods to communicate options. Some students don’t want to take all their things so we’re looking into storage companies. There would be costs, not bad. Aren’t forcing you to leave now, so you can take your time.

H. What does this mean for commencement?

1. If it were now, we would have to go by Governor’s order (<250 people), we don’t know if it will be extended, based on safety risk. Going on with preparing for Commencement, probably not in Coliseum, maybe a smaller version on campus for those who want to come back. Can’t promise any solid plans.

I. For students without access to laptops and wifi, how will they do online courses?

1. Very difficult, can give advice for finding access to wifi in local libraries. I don’t think we can loan hundreds of laptops but will ask IT what our options are. We will put it in our messaging.
2. What if libraries become unsafe/inaccessible?
  - a) That’s difficult, don’t have the answer now but we will be thinking about it about.

J. How is the school managing the course load for students abroad and were called home?

1. Started working with the students who were abroad in Japan. Started with giving students the option to stay if the country wasn’t Level 3 Travel Ban. Then Trump announced all of Europe was Level 3 and a complicated situation. All programs abroad agreed to giving credits and switching to online education. However, the concern is about if students can travel home. Sending out advisories to them tonight. We have 92 US citizens who will be allowed to travel, but 6 who are international students and we’re working with them.

K. The situation is much more difficult for International kids, can’t all go home. Will they be able to stay over the summer if necessary?

1. Yes, of course. We want our students to stay here unless the

situation isn't in our control.

- L. For International students who stay over the summer, do they have to pay?
  - 1. Yes, there would be a cost. The current agreement does not cover the summer. It's roughly \$180/week.
- M. Are the programs officially cancelled?
  - 1. No, just like campus they are continuing to go on.
- N. Decision on fall study abroad programs?
  - 1. We have not cancelled any fall programs, the ones that start in April have been cancelled. The Munich program can be taught online so they aren't cancelling it.
- O. Will students who go home and decide not to come back be eligible for a refund?
  - 1. We're still talking about that and trying to figure out. We don't quite have a decision yet.
  - 2. We are hoping there will be a decision on a timeline by the end of the week. We meet at 1p and will plan on including it on the next communication.
- P. Is the Pio going to be open for those who remain on campus?
  - 1. First, we need to know how many students decide to stay. We will be asking in the next couple days. Number of students changes what we can/can't do. Events will be in Templeton (<50) and transportation (maybe bus or smaller shuttle). The worst thing would be to lock you all in your residence halls, won't do that.
- Q. Do you have a suggestion for the safest option for students?
  - 1. I think a couple 100 students on campus is fine, especially at your age. But with a dense campus and all age groups, that increases spread. This specific virus has been shown to not have a huge affect on those your age unless your health is already compromised. Don't need to go to the extreme that you will get sick and die. Hard to say for yourself, you may feel more emotionally safe with family. Campus is certainly not unsafe.
- R. What will happen to the subcontracted employees who remain at LC?
  - 1. Hard to know. They're a contracted service so I'm not in charge. The company will make the decision. We will still need their support, but may have less need. May decrease staff, not our decision however.
- S. What role does the Health Center play? Will they test students?

1. They can now facilitate testing. At first Oregon only had one testing facility. If a student fits criteria (high bar - scarce, rare test) they will do it.
  2. Does the LC Insurance Plan cover testing for COVID-19?
    - a) I don't know, a national decision is that they cannot charge a copay . Will ask and send that answer to Helen.
- T. Will there be a consolidation of students? Are there plans to encourage people to go home?
1. Want to see what happens naturally, guessing 350. Based on what's happened so far we feel campus is safe (students self isolating), even with 700. Considering consolidating, but wouldn't encourage social distancing. Not likely one residence hall.
- U. Are there any changes in the cost of tuition?
1. No, there is no anticipated change.
- V. How are people returning textbooks?
1. You will get an email with a label and can ship your book backs. It'll be emailed to all students
  2. Watzek has a policy about due dates but will waive fees.
- W. LC Health Insurance will work best in Portland, rather than at people's homes.
1. I have school insurance, it covers Oregon, Washington, Montana, and will outsource to other companies, they also possibly extended that due to the virus. You can go online and put in your zipcode to figure out your coverage options.
  2. Out of network means cost may be higher to you, but you're still covered.
  3. We will try and put together a FAQ about this.
- X. Do you think you will keep Pamplin and Library open?
1. Yes, unless something makes us close.
- Y. If the campus is forced to close between now and May, what are the measures in place?
1. No plan yet. We're not even envisioning that happening. The hope is that the "curve will be flattened" so things will continue to be safely. Try and plan based on the most probable situations.
- Z. How will you support students who are immuno-compromised?

1. When you first come to school, you fill out a health form so we know about the students who have health issues. We are also encouraging students to contact the Health Center in case they don't think we know or are concerned. It can be students with diabetes or other conditions that are at risk with this virus.
- AA. Will we still be able to get credits for PE, performing arts classes, those difficult to do online?
1. One of our operating principles is to do everything we can to not disrupt your academic program. We are doing everything we can to work with classes that can't work online. PE/A department writing a proposal to Dean about how they will adapt their classes.
- BB. Will Flex Points be refunded?
1. Meal Plan is part of the contract, part of the budget of the college and how we pay Bon Appetit. Flex points are like cash, for those graduating we will definitely be refunding. For those not, it will probably be rolled over.
  2. What if your Meal Plan is flex only?
    - a) Don't know. I'm still learning about the meal plans, but I will make sure to address it.
- CC. What happens to Rogers Summer Research and Wilderness First Responder Training.
1. No summer programs have been cancelled at this point. We hope we'll be in a different situation by the summer. We're keeping the summer activities on for now.
- DD. Will on-campus storage be opening sooner?
1. Yes, it has to be sooner since we're asking students to leave if they'd like to. The understanding is we only have a limited amount of storage but Campus Living is working with another vendor. The company they're looking into will likely cost \$83
- EE. Do you anticipate any of the expenses LC is paying impacting next year's tuition?
1. No definitive answer yet. No doubt that this will be expensive for LC. The bigger concern is enrollment for the next year.
  2. Visitors are cancelling visits and visit programs. This is not good for that yet.
  3. Is that because LC enrollment relies on visits?

- a) Certainly important for our schools. Those who canceled early on could afford to do so. We're working to manage students and keep enrollment up. They're making videos and working to bring LC to admitted students.

FF. Thank you! Emails have been very transparent and compassionate. For students with mental health issues, isolating can be harmful, what's the Health Center doing?

- 1. It's on our radar, many students have been asking about that. We are brainstorming and communicating social interaction can be safe, just be safe about it and take precautions. Keep reaching out to your friends.

GG. Work study students that can't go to work because it puts them at risk (SLS volunteering) what will happen?

- 1. Portland Public Schools will be closing tomorrow.

HH. Will there be alternative work options?

- a) There may be a potential for substitute work study jobs because the money has already been allocated to that
- 2. In regards to mental health question - a counselor told me they would be willing to provide sessions over the phone, only works if you're in Oregon though (because of license), but they will recommend other therapists.
  - a) That is true about licensing. There might be a relaxing of regulations around tele mental health services. There's no reason for these regulations to stay really strict

II. Personally, I work at the Moda Center but they are closed so I'm out of a job and without income. Will there be opportunities to work on campus?

- 1. Robin would love to say the school could help those students, most likely nationally though there will be a reduction in workforce. Don't want to get hopes up about how much the school may be able to help

JJ. Is there a set deadline for coming back to school. Plan to go home but can't pack yet.

- 1. No, not at this moment. Be careful about travelling to areas where you may be exposed to something and you trigger the isolation policy. Be careful about potential travel bans that are changing rapidly, where you might get stuck or not allowed to come back to campus
- 2. What places count as quarantine?

- a) Any country at Level 3, no states in the US have a travel ban yet. If that did happen, you wouldn't be allowed to leave.

KK. PioLog - If you have information you want to be documented, please send it to us. Think of it at a tip line

LL. Feel comfortable to email Robin if you hear any trends or information that you think is important for the admin to know

MM. NSU event holding a fry bread fundraiser event outside, can it still happen?

- 1. If you can do it, it might be good to do it. If and when the school puts forward the 50+ group ban, it's ok to have groups, just keep them smaller and take precautions. This specific event should be fine

NN. Will updates only be via email? Is it consolidated anywhere?

- 1. There is an FAQ link on the web page that will be updated as more questions come up. No plans for a live feed, just FAQ's and stuff on the health website

- 2. Has it been helpful so far?

- a) Some departments are being super helpful like the Biology Department but others aren't really communicating their plan.

(1) That happens, we can provide you institutional information and will continue to update FAQ.

- 3. If you go to the website there is a box labeled coronavirus that you can click on

OO. What is the school plan for helping professors transition to online teaching?

- 1. The faculty are talking to each other and figuring out what works.
- 2. From my understanding some professors have transitioned, how is that going?

- a) Trying to figure out how to communicate fully.

- b) Can you write in questions?

(1) Yeah, also integrating Moodle more. Some classes that are less worried already use Moodle more.

PP. Will there be refunds for parking passes?

- 1. Good question. Hasn't been asked yet so will figure it out.

QQ. What about classes like choir?

1. That's a faculty decision, but no professor wants you to be disadvantaged so they will be coming up with alternative assignments to make sure you get credit.

RR. What happens with different time zones?

1. If it's live there will be differences, no way around it. We will have to work through it.

SS. How will advising work, do we have access still?

1. College Advisors fully capable of meeting online, they already do that over the summer. They will also be meeting in person still.

TT. People going home also need time to travel. I can't drive for 3 days and also do classes. Will professors be flexible?

1. We definitely understand that. The Dean of College has reminded faculty about this and they're supposed to be flexible with attendance.

UU. If we are worried about study abroad programs for next year, should we register?

1. I think you should register like usual, like you were going abroad.

VV. Water fountains can spread disease. How will they be maintained?

1. No plan yet. If we turn it off, it can damage the pipes. The better solution is to avoid touching things - like water fountains.
2. Main transmission is droplets in the air like from sneezing. We usually infect ourselves by touching our face. Wash your hands and scrub hard. The friction breaks the membrane of the virus and kills it.

WW. What can students do to help?

1. Very kind, we're working on taking care of ourselves. Want to be here for you. We're not overstaffed.

XX. Is leisure travel to be avoided, don't go to airports?

1. I would be cautious, I've canceled three trips now. I didn't feel like I shouldn't travel in the US but was prepared to keep my area clean and distance myself. I am rethinking any travel plans, can't afford to be sick. None of the states are at the point of a travel ban.

YY. People have been generally happy with the communication, but clearly there's a lot more questions. Could you outline the plan and provide a timeline for decision making?

1. Majority of questions answered by tomorrow. Very latest would be



Saturday. Travel, events, work study, moving, storage within the next day or so. Bigger decisions around refunds, competitions may be a little later but will be talked about tomorrow.

ZZ. Are all study abroad trips going on now being affected?

1. Yes in that they're all moving to being online. It's up to them if they come back. If they are in a level 3 country, they'll need to self-isolate at home. Students are allowed to stay in the country they are in.

AAA. For students receiving scholarships that have a requirement (like Volunteer Scholarship) are there alternatives for how they can meet those requirements?

1. Emphasis - we are not closing. We are changing the delivery of our content online. We are restricting things which may come into direct contradictions.

BBB. Not all Admissions decisions are out, will it delay that process?

1. We don't anticipate a delay in admissions or financial aid decisions.

CCC. How would you like more questions to come to you?

1. I have a VPSL email that students monitor very well, they're screening questions and will let me know. If I don't get back to you, don't be afraid to ask again.

DDD. Does the school anticipate the continued function of normal activities?

1. Yes
2. Mikah: Student Activities is also looking into a digital reimbursement form.

EEE. Will Allocations/SOC stuff be pushed back for people trying to go home?

1. Mikah: I'm exploring options, and will be emailing people tomorrow. Not a decision yet, but don't worry if you can't reach the deadline.
2. Helen: Cabinet is having an emergency meeting tomorrow to figure out how ASLC will continue to provide our services.

FFF. Can you talk more about the reopening of the school in the Fall?

1. Government's office will likely have guidelines on it. Won't be happening this semester. Want to get back to normal life in the Fall, taking steps to plan for that.

III. Discussion on future plans for ASLC Senate

- A. Jeremiah: Need for Senate to continue, obviously can't be in person. What do you think will work for us? Zoom?
- B. Olivia: It's hard for us to make the decision. I don't know enough about Zoom to make a decision about it and how to use it. We should expect to be flexible and may not work.
- C. Quentin: We've started to use Zoom in two of our classes and works fairly well. We can easily use it to meet.
- D. Cas: Makes sense to me, any issues with it?
  - 1. Mikah: The free version has a 1 hour cap on meetings. The school bought a bunch of professional accounts, Jeremiah can ask for access.
- E. Olivia: Are there any Constitutional issues with us meeting via video?
  - 1. Allison: not to my knowledge. If we want them to be open to the public, how would that work?
- F. Abdo: We should plan on using Slack more.
  - 1. Get the link and maybe send it to the student body
- G. Cas: Is there a limit to the number of people?
  - 1. Mikah: 100
- H. Stephannie: Is there an option to mute people?
  - 1. Mikah: Yes the host can
- I. Olivia: Is there an adjustment to attendance policy. Important to hold people accountable, but some may have timezone complications or jobs.
  - 1. Jeremiah: yeah, there will be excused absences, just let me know
- J. Elizabeth: are there things we want to be accomplishing in the next few meetings? Have a contingency plan for how to discuss big items
- K. Stephanie: Since a lot of us will likely not be here, maybe a mini Senate meeting?
  - 1. Jeremiah: I will be here
  - 2. Straw Poll on who's in Portland: ~13 staying, 1 leaving, ~4 unsure
- L. Helen: college is encouraging people to go online if they can. Even if you are not concerned about your health, that goes against trying to avoid contact.
  - 1. Cas: wasn't it just groups of 50?
  - 2. Helen: Yes but still contrary to college wanting dispersion
- M. Jeremiah: We will try Zoom
- N. Fabi: Can you comment on Agendas?

1. Jeremiah: yeah we can set that up
  2. Katie: we can make the minutes accessible to help during meetings
- IV. Elizabeth: Several of us and students considering that unexpected costs will come up and the school may not be able to refund immediately. We're considering having a conversation about using 4300 account to help students.
- A. Cas: CSRC has \$4-5000 for outreach, could start with that
  - B. Olivia: Hope and I and others came up with potential unforeseen issues and communities on campus that will be most affected. Hard for us to plan something like this and how much money we will have. Could allocate a certain amount. Just want it prioritized.
  - C. Jady: we should make a list, continue food pantry, maybe ASLC can help fund that. Money that would have gone towards events can maybe go towards support for dealing with travelling home
  - D. Hope: made annotations based on what Robin said to list we made about expectations. There is a nationwide running list of organizations that immunocompromised individuals can access, it's a really good resource
  - E. Elizabeth: response to Student Unions and CSRC - creates precedence of CSRC as an emergency fund when 4300 serves that purpose already. Money already not used by student orgs is recycled into the 4300, that process is there already. I don't think we should set a precedent for relying on student orgs.
    1. Quentin: we shouldn't ask organizations for money but in this situation we should be more helpful than restrictive
  - F. Cas: We should use CSRC and then go to the 4300.
    1. Elizabeth: I think that's fine, you might need to go through appeal process.
  - G. William: There is money there, Senate has the ability to vote to use the funds in an emergency, I think this counts as that.
  - H. Helen: Do we know if it would affect financial aid? Travel is included under "cost of attendance"
    1. Mikah: Cas and I have a meeting with Financial Aid tomorrow.
    2. Cas: Could they not waive it?
    3. Helen: It's a federal law.
  - I. Abdo: is there a new attendance policy starting next week?
    1. Maintained. Communicate with the VP.
  - J. Abdo: I agree we should be as helpful as possible. Do you have a way to make it work?
    1. Cas: We were thinking about creating an ad hoc committee that includes cabinet and other members of senate to decide how that'll work. We're gauging the idea about if the Senate is okay with the 4300 being used. Strawpoll.
  - K. Elizabeth: Does everyone understand what the 4300 account is?

1. Mikah: It includes any money that is rolled over from student orgs from their unspent budget. You would be voting to use it to help pay for unexpected expenses.
2. Fabi: Concerned by what that means? This is unexpected for everyone, what would allocation mean?
3. Mikah: Looking into that tomorrow
4. Mateo: Are we setting aside a certain number or just a rolling amount as applications come in?
  - a) Mikah: Both are viable, potential issues with rolling application is that we're all traveling and people need it now.
- L. Straw Poll on Using 4300: everyone on board
- M. Helen: Who all is interested in serving on ad hoc? Who would chair?
  1. Cas: I can, I think Elizabeth would help
  2. Elizabeth: happy to give guidance
- N. Helen: Ok, can make ad hoc, and you all decide on format
  1. Olivia: I think some kind of idea of what we're doing would be helpful
- O. COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committee made by Helen, Cas is chairing
  1. Slack channel will be made, talk to Cas if interested in joining
- V. Jeremiah: Move on or end early.
- VI. Hope: I think everyone's exhausted, motion to adjourn

**If time permits:**

- VII. Senate Reports
- VIII. Cabinet Reports
- IX. Advisor Reports
- X. Public Comments
- XI. Work Session
  - A. Discussion on systemic barriers committees
- XII. Closing Remarks
  - A. Dorm Storm next week - Cancelled!
  - B. Jeremiah: Put reports on Slack, that's how we will do it in the future too. Email me if you need assistance.