

March 18, 2020

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1. Gathering & Covenant
 2. Zoom Basics
 1. Use names as much as possible. If you are on the line. Give people virtual high fives and kudos in the chat room.
 2. You can use the chat function to ask questions or raise a point.
 3. If you want to speak at any time, raise your hand and Cassandra will call on you.
 1. *6 - Toggle mute/unmute
 2. *9 - Raise hand
 4. Roll Call Process
 1. Everett, as a non-voting member, will take attendance. Please say hi, here, yo, whatever when he calls your name. This allows us to make sure your mic works, and to verify attendance.
 2. The same process when there is any vote needed. (Amended to everyone raising hand (digitally) to register vote)
 5. Please give grace to everyone on the call. These are challenging times AND now we are trying to learn new technology and how to stay connected with each other.
3. Business

- Approval of Minutes from February Meeting
- 4. Class Gift
 - Are we giving a class gift?
 - If yes, discussion and decision
 - The gift be a tribute to Mary Martha
 - Lala and Lenora will lead this exploration, contact them if you'd like to help
- 5. Retreat Plan
 - Retreat is canceled for the time being
- 6. Election closes tonight, March 18, 11:59pm
- 7. Budget Deadline
 - March 30 send to Sara

Town Hall led by Hospitality and Student Care Committee Chair

1. Updates from Dean Lee:

- a. Things have changed quickly. We all attended classes a little more than 10 days ago. Then everything changed very quickly.
- b. 5 Tier plan that was developed early last week.
 - i. We are holding at tier 3- buildings closed, offices operating remotely. Classes remotely.
 - ii. Tier 4-Classes canceled Offices open no food service
 - iii. Tier 5 Everything is closed - evacuating the dorms - Basically a Zombie Apocalypse would have to be considered for this option. Or the evacuation of DC.
- c. These aren't designed to be online, they are being taught remotely.
- d. Faculty are trying to learn quickly and ask for your grace.
- e. Residents asked to minimize of campus ventures. Food is Mon-Thur
- f. Birch is one household.
 - i. Tell faculty what you need.
 - ii. If one gets sick ALL are quarantined.
- g. If students are off campus DO NOT come back. AU had a diagnosed case on campus. That student returned. It threw the campus into lockdown
- h. Admin is actively considering going online the rest of the semester. (UPDATE: They went online for spring semester and Summer)
- i. Wesley board members include medical doctors have been advising.
- j. Emergency team meets daily at 9am
- k. Commencement
 - i. Considering postponing no decision has been made.
 - ii. **If postponed you still complete your degree on May 11, even if you don't receive it from them in person.**
- l. Staff is considering virtual chapel services and other ways to do community life.
- m. We're trying to keep programming going.
 - i. Ex Advising week virtually.

- ii. Event with Lisa Banks-Williams around anxiety/stress management.
 - iii. Education technology - webinar feature for zoom
 - n. Berkeley Collins is going to work to enroll the whole student body in blackboard to do student meetings via BB collaborate. Start with Student Council class/community. Assign groups.
 - o. Finance is discussing flexibility for early move outs, or people who can't return to move out late.
 - p. Faculty is considering offering students the option to move their grading from grade scale to pass/fail. To mitigate stress. (UPDATE: Faculty did approve move to Pass/Fail at student's individual request) Must be requested by April 15
 - i. Please note: Passing is anything above a C it DOES NOT COUNT toward GPA. Fail DOES go toward GPA
 - q. Core requirements are also being discussed
 - r. Extensions can be requested by students
 - s. For students who are graduating can extend things EXCEPT for Thesis or other hard deadlines.
 - t. Deans at Seminary schools pressuring Ordination requirements that need GPA
 - u. Library materials: Only staff on campus. They are not working for individual resources, IF you email them they may be able to help you.
 - v. Working with faculty to upload all required documents
 - w. Cambridge Online has their online books offered for free now through may
 - x. Definitely ask faculty to work with you for flexible exams and finals etc.
2. Student Council (Hospitality and Student Care Committees events) Listing of ideas in the works
- a. Morning Yoga- Meditation (Marcus Jean Working on)
 - b. Virtual Easter Dinner (Cassandra Working on)
 - i. Everyone calls at the same time, leading the program with music and prayer for the first 15 min. Then break up into small groups (table groups) for initial check in. then come back to "main group" for another song, maybe led prayer, Small group. Etc.
 - c. Virtual Happy Hour (Rachel Koheler)
 - i. 5-6 pm With special faculty guests who share 15 min of personal care or something bringing them joy. Ex Chip Aldridge Cranes, Dr Lee his favorite lego piece, Dr Petrin her icons,
 - d. Prayer and Coffee (Dr Petrin daily on Black Board):
 - e. Prayer Team Have a few designated people listed. Each with a small group of people available for individual prayer with folks. (Need Volunteers)

f. Some instability on BB and platform/browser interface. Dean Lee is aware and trying to encourage faculty to use multiple platforms.

3. Next Meetings

- . March 19, 5:00pm - Appeal Hearing
- . Zoom Meeting ID: 518 733 928
- i. April 15, 5:00pm - General Body Meeting
- ii. Closing Prayer- Offered by Bryan Franklin