Dear Faculty Senators,

I hope this note finds you all doing well as the semester comes to an end. The Senate Agenda Committee is committed to keeping you updated throughout the summer on any important Senate matters. As you know, it will be an unusual and challenging summer and year ahead. I ask, in turn, that you keep your colleagues updated on Senate news. Please share any news from the Senate with your faculty colleagues. Feel free to let me or Kathy Brunet know if you have any needs or suggestions in connection with Senate communications.

Faculty Senate News and Updates - May 15, 2020

Action items

- (for Senators only) Senate committees are an essential aspect of the Faculty Senate's work and all senators will be assigned to a committee. Senate committees meet on Mondays during the Fall and Spring semesters on dates when the Senate is not in session from 3:10 to 5:00 pm. Please complete this survey as soon as possible to indicate your preference for a committee assignment [https://unh.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cBm7yeCUKS3Zin3](https://unh.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cBm7yeCUKS3Zin3)

  Note that decisions about committee chairs are still being made. As well, the Senate calendar is not

- Please encourage faculty AND staff to use the reopening feedback form to submit any questions, suggestions, or concerns. These submissions are shared in an aggregated (without names and departments) format to the administration and we are working on a process to provide them to the reopening teams: [https://unh.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_25kuKfshLGqmoiV](https://unh.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_25kuKfshLGqmoiV) The provost has already found the feedback to be very useful.

- An email was sent earlier today about a draft motion to change Common Exam Times for the 2020-2021 AY. Please share this information with your colleagues. All questions and comments should be submitted to me by Wednesday, May 20, at 5 pm.
Updates

- The Faculty Senate Agenda Committee has made the decision to meet each Monday afternoon during the summer. Please know that senators are encouraged to bring any issues to the attention of the Agenda Committee that they believe the Senate should address. Please write to Erin Sharp (erin.sharp@unh.edu) with a cc to Kathy Brunet (Kathy.brunet@unh.edu) with any issues. Because of the unusual circumstances of these times there is a high likelihood that the full Senate will be convened at some time(s) during the summer. If so, it will likely be on a Monday afternoon.

- UNH has received the CARES Act funds for emergency student assistance. Students who are eligible to apply for this money were notified by email on May 7 and May 8 (copies attached). Students began receiving money via direct deposit this week. More detail about the program can be found at: https://www.unh.edu/financialaid/cares-act-faq

Students who do not qualify for the CARES money may apply to the Student Emergency Financial Assistance if they have an emergency need: https://www.unh.edu/student-life/student-emergency-financial-assistance-fund

With best wishes,

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