Faculty Senate Action Items and Updates Email

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**Sent on behalf of Erin Sharp**

Dear Senators,

Some senators have asked about their role this summer and whether there will be a Senate training session as has been offered in previous years. These questions are still being discussed and more information will be coming from the Agenda Committee in early June as we sort out ways that the Senate can be involved and effective as the university deals with the significant and historic challenges that affect all of us.

The Agenda Committee has agreed to provide a weekly *Senate Action Items and Updates* email that will be distributed on Fridays. **At this time the most important thing you can do as a senator is to forward these weekly emails to your colleagues and to alert the Agenda Committee (via an email to Erin.Sharp@unh.edu) if you or your colleagues have any issues that you believe should be considered by the Senate.**

Here we go...

**ACTION ITEMS**

- (for Senators only) If you have not already completed the **Senate Committee preference survey**, please do so as soon as possible as the Agenda Committee will begin work to form the committees early next week. [https://unh.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cBm7yeCUKS3Zin3](https://unh.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cBm7yeCUKS3Zin3)
- The UNH AAUP and UNHLU-AAUP leadership have asked us to remind faculty in these bargaining groups to complete the **recent surveys sent to members** if you have not already done so.
- Please continue to submit questions, concerns, and suggestions to the **reopening feedback form:** [https://unh.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_25kuKfshLQgmoiV](https://unh.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_25kuKfshLQgmoiV) This feedback form is available for all faculty and staff. More than 180 responses have been submitted to date. Attached is a summary of the themes and a spreadsheet showing all responses. The spreadsheet also has separate tabs for responses organized by category.

**UPDATES**

- **Student Emergency Assistance Fund** - Here’s another article about the Student Emergency Assistance Fund including some good press about the Senate’s involvement: ![https://www.unh.edu/unhtoday/2020/05/safety-net-those-need](https://www.unh.edu/unhtoday/2020/05/safety-net-those-need)
- **Motion on Change to Common Exam Time** - We received feedback from many parts of the university about the motion to change Common Exam Time. There were no significant objections to this motion. However, several faculty shared a concern that this motion would lead to changes in course schedules for Fall 2020. Please be aware that, according to the information I have from the Academic Reopening Team, every effort is being made to retain the Fall 2020 course schedule in its current day/time structure within the context of reduced capacity in classrooms. Opening the Common Exam time block provides a potential outlet to move courses if needed and/or to provide additional recitation sections. This work will occur over the next seven to eight weeks and be close to finished by early July.
Attached is an updated version of the motion (changes are highlighted) to reflect that it only applies to the Fall semester, not the full year. Should a change to common exam time be needed for Spring 2020, the Senate will take it up again.

The Agenda Committee plans to vote on this motion on June 1.

With best wishes to you and your family for a restful holiday weekend,

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