Dear colleagues,

I am writing to confirm your participation as a member of the Task Team on Student Health and Wellbeing. Each of you were selected because of your unique perspectives and contributions to student wellness on campus and because of your dedication to student success.

Over the last several months and weeks, colleagues from across campus have been engaged in various aspects of planning and preparation to support response during the COVID-19 pandemic and in preparation for remote instruction and service delivery, and the future return to campus. The Academic Recovery Planning Workgroup has been guiding these efforts with a number of sub committees and task teams engaged in various activities.

This is one of three task teams established by the Division of Student Affairs and Success. Each task team will meet regularly over the next several months, to research and explore a number of guiding questions and to develop recommendations that are responsive to those questions in the context of the CP/EVC’s guidance that we “develop plans to return to our mission of being a fully residential research university, recognizing that we will do this in a post-pandemic world”.

Guiding Questions for the Task Team on Student Health and Wellbeing:

- How well are we supporting primary care needs of students, particularly those participating remotely? Are telehealth and remote support working well?
- What is the impact of COVID-19 and remote operations on the mental, physical, and emotional wellbeing of our students? What will be the impact on those returning to campus when COVID-19 still causes concern?
- How have the differential impacts of COVID-19 on people of color, combined with the current racial tension, impacted the mental and physical health of our students of color, particularly ABC-identified students?
- How can recreation continue to support well-being?
Each task team will work in collaboration with the Fostering Care and Community campus workgroup to produce a 90-minute workshop. The project lead will provide more details.

Deliverables and Timeline:

Task team leaders will coordinate with Lucy Rojas, the project manager for this process, to share the progress that the task teams are making and to share options and recommendations as they emerge (to assist with the socialization and implementation process). Each task team is asked to update the project manager regularly with findings and recommendations, with an initial set of options and recommendations made no later than Friday, August 28th. The work of the task teams will continue into fall quarter with adjustments made to timeline and outcomes to be based on actual circumstances.

In terms of deliverables, please consider developing ideas, options, and recommended actions that can be implemented by a variety of services and units. For example, in response to the guiding question: Are telehealth and remote support working well? The task team may:

- Identify and analyze any data that has been collected during remote instruction/remote work to determine student satisfaction and service provider perspective and to help answer the question - what is working well?

- Use that data to develop recommendations for unit managers and senior administration on service delivery.

- Consider: are any of the best practices coming out of telehealth translatable to other units and services?

We will launch the three task teams all together on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 1:00 pm. You will receive a calendar invite shortly. We look forward to seeing you.

Please contact me or task team leader Gary Dunn should you have any questions.

Thank you in advance for your participation and service. I know your time is valuable and I deeply appreciate you lending some of it to this important process. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Appreciatively,

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