Town Hall Minutes

Class: OMS-I

Date: May 1, 2020

Reflection: Post-traumatic growth

1. **Question/Concern: Online Spanish class**
   a. Answer/Solution: No updates on Medical Spanish yet – we will keep you updated!

2. **Question/Concern: MPH class size**
   a. Answer/Solution: Initially, it was a blended format but now it is fully online – we are discussing a new class size now. Stay tuned for information as we get more definitive answers.

3. **Question/Concern: Group paper assignment**
   a. Answer/Solution: The group paper research assignment is not due this semester, it will flow into second year.

4. **Question/Concern: Removing personal items left on campus**
   a. Answer/Solution: Contact Rachel Bingham – she will share the protocol with you and. You must wear a mask, temp screening, answering questions, schedule a time – only necessary items

5. **Question/Concern: Stay-at-home orders from the city/state**
   a. Answer/Solution: Just because things are re-opening at a city level does not mean UIW will start operations again at the same times. We will work based on what UIW administration recommends. Our team is developing scenarios to bring back people back to campus. There are no official dates yet so stay tuned.

6. **Question/Concern: Apartment lease agreements**
   a. Answer/Solution: Student Affairs has contacted the area apartment complexes and discovered that leasing managers encouraged learners to discuss their specific situations if need be.

7. **Question/Concern: CARE funds**
   a. Answer/Solution: There was an e-mail sent on Wednesday about emergency aid (CARE Funds) which is grant-funded assistance. You can apply online through UIW Financial Assistance website – apply ASAP if you are interested. Contact Celia Velez (cavelez1@uiwtx.edu) with questions. Apply for scholarships we have listed on our website as some of the deadlines are approaching.

8. **Question/Concern: Immunizations**
   a. Answer/Solution: We are transitioning to a new system for immunizations (PreCheck). In the next few weeks, you will need to set up a new account. Yes, your documents from Castle Branch have been uploaded into the new system, but you will still need to create a new account to complete the process. Also, this is a reminder that you will still have access to Castle Branch to view your records, but you need to always keep copies of everything you have for future reference. Soon, you will also need to take new drug tests, background checks, etc. and they will be due by July 1st – plus an updated CITI training course.

9. **Question/Concern: Scheduling events**
   a. Answer/Solution: If you are planning on hosting any online events, please make sure you get them approved through Engage. Contact Alex Shipley (ashipley@uiwtx.edu) if you have any questions.

10. **Question/Concern: Remote research for UIWSOM**
    a. Answer/Solution: Contact Dr. Steve Mifflin for more information on research opportunities.

Department/Individual Updates:

Dr. Sanderlin
• DOCS Exam
  o Similar to one in Unit 4 (upgraded SIM IQ that allows scheduling in Zoom)
• Summer clinical internships – some internships will now be on hold/postponed
• Research internships in a lab setting – we have to wait for direction from UIW main campus before we proceed with any outside activities
  o Contact Dr. Mifflin and the researcher you are working with – we will work with each case individually
• Clinical experiences – you cannot have traveled anywhere for 14 days before going into the hospitals for any clinical experiences (this will mainly affect the 3rd and 4th year learners)

Dr. Steele

• Wash your hands, wear your masks, stay home, and take care of your mental health!
• Check your e-mails for confirmed information about UIWSOM specifically. Even if you hear confirmation about main campus, it might not apply to UIWSOM – you will receive direct communication from UIWSOM about our protocols and plans.

OASA:

• Alex Portillo – Behavioral Health Open House: Alex will be hosting these sessions if you want a chance to ask questions about mental health, study habits, performance, etc. Links will be sent via e-mail
• Encourage your classmates to contact us if you or any of your classmates need assistance with anything!
• Cardinal Care resource page (full of resources to help you navigate this difficult time)
• Financial Aid – Celia Velez is available to assist (cavelez1@uiwtx.edu)
• Behavioral Health – our SOM counselor is available for tele-counseling (alportil@uiwtx.edu)