

REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS and GOALS:

- **Campus Announcements and webinars:**
 - Readied campus to launch in Stage 1 for Spring 2021 semester, due to alarming pandemic conditions. Memo sent to Faculty, Staff, and Instructors on students on 1/6/21 regarding [Spring 2021 Plan and Testing](#).
 - \$1M program developed to provide increased supports for teaching for instructors whose caregiving responsibilities have been adversely impacted by the pandemic. Memo shared to Instructors, Deans, Heads/Chairs/Directors and CAAC on 1/6/21 regarding [Course support for caregiving instructors in Spring 2021](#).
 - Issued guidance to campus regarding the importance of providing regular and timely feedback on academic progress to students. Memo shared to Instructors, Deans, Heads/Chairs/Directors, CAAC on 1/7/21 regarding [Timely feedback and grading to support student success](#).
 - Clarifications to the class absence recommendations for the pandemic were developed by PAC. Memo shared to Faculty, Instructors, Graduate Assistants on 1/8/21 regarding [Modification to UArizona's Class Absence Practices and Recommended Syllabus Language](#).
 - Campus webinar to provide updates on mandatory testing, Wildcat Onestop, Wildcat Well-check and Covid Watch App on 1/22/21.
<https://provost.arizona.edu/content/campus-webinars>
 - Upcoming Campus webinar to provide update on how the COVID-19 vaccine works and how the vaccine can help to mitigate the pandemic effects (public health impacts) by Dr. Deepta Bhattacharya on 1/28/20. More information in the coming days.

- **Upcoming Live Chat session topics with faculty and instructors:**
 - January 28, 2021 – Finding Academic Resources to Support Your Students. Panelists: Lisa Elfring, Danielle Flink, Jenny Nirh.
 - February 11, 2021 – Navigating Career-Track. Panelist: Andrea Romero
(<https://provost.arizona.edu/content/provost-forum>)

- **Update on leadership searches:**
 - Final campus visits completed in December for College of Science Dean position.
 - Decision to be announced in the coming weeks.

- **Modifications to RCM:** Partnering with Business Affairs staff through January to build models for possible changes to RCM, based on the guiding principles developed thus far, for discussion with campus governance entities.
- **Reorganization to support Undergraduate Student Success:** re-structured the units within the Provost's Office to increase focus on student success, retention and completion. Details shared to campus during week of 12/7/2020.