REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

FROM: President Robert Robbins http://president.arizona.edu/

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

• On Wednesday, March 24 vaccine registration was opened to all individuals age 16 and older, including the University of Arizona POD. This includes out-of-state students, international students, staff, and faculty members. A series of targeted emails and social media campaigns are being deployed to students to encourage vaccine registration along with resources if they are having trouble with the sign-up process. Additional appointments will be released each Friday at 11:00am.

• To date, the UAArizona POD has administered more than 85,000 doses of vaccine. Vaccine progress can also be tracked on the COVID-19 dashboard.

• In a recent survey administered by Campus Health on COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy, 71% of students reported they are extremely likely to get a COVID-19 vaccine when one is available to them. Additionally, professors were listed as a trusted source of information about the vaccine.

• Compliance with mandatory student testing remains high. To date, 9 scholarships have been awarded (at random) to students adhering to mandatory testing.

• Following our transition to Stage 2 instruction on February 22, the University’s percent positive has remained below 1%. With support from the Public Health Advisory to Campus Team (PHACT) and the Pandemic Academic Committee (PAC), the University will advance to Stage 3 on Monday, March 29. Stage 3 allows for up to 100 students in in-person and flex in-person courses.

• Presidential Events and University Ceremonies has combined unique elements of college convocations and University commencement to offer a series of in-person graduation ceremonies beginning on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 and concluding on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. During these ceremonies, each graduate will be called by name and official degrees will be conferred. When proposing in-person ceremonies, our vision was to provide every student on campus with an opportunity to be recognized in-person, on stage, if they so choose. The current model, approved by University leadership, will bring this vision to fruition.

• Congratulations to Coach Adia Barnes and our entire Women’s Basketball team for advancing to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 1998.