Dear Faculty,

Your recent efforts to contribute to solutions that promote our educational objectives while prioritizing health and safety standards have been momentous. Many thanks for your patience and insight as we continue to plan for the fall semester.

After consultation with colleagues across campus, the Provost’s Office has developed a set of resources for instructional faculty to answer questions and to assist in fall course preparation. The resources are housed on the OU Together website at https://ou.edu/together/instructional-faculty, and provide guidance on several topics including:

- The masking policy; the masking resolution process, including faculty actions and student consequences regarding mask wearing; and reminder powerpoint slides that can be displayed in class
- Guidelines for fall in-person class preparation to promote instructional continuity in the case of possible student absence or shift to on-line course delivery
- FAQs regarding fall instruction
- Recommendations regarding faculty 2020 annual evaluations and extension of the pre-tenure probationary period
- Phase III Return to Campus

The guidance provided by the Provost’s Office will be complemented by College and Departmental/Unit instructional continuity procedures that may address specific concerns due to degree requirements, accreditation standards, or other circumstances. You are encouraged to become familiar with guidelines from all relevant offices and to ask questions about any specific situations that arise.

Please let me or Vice Provost for Faculty Lori Snyder know if you have any questions or concerns. We will continue to update this website over the next days and weeks.

Warm wishes,

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