

Re: Faculty Town Hall, Thursday, 8/27/20

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Good morning Dr. Wutoh,

I am in receipt of your email. Just a quick correction. The faculty that contacted me asked a different question than you answered regarding an LMS. They asked if it *should* be mandated.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Alfred,

Good morning. I hope that the panel was able to address the key issues of concern to faculty during the Faculty Town Hall yesterday. I also wanted to be sure to address the issues you outlined below. Regarding Parking, I communicated with Ms. Ricks in the Parking office, and she indicated that if faculty will not be on campus, they do not have to renew the parking permit. A daily permit can be obtained for faculty who will be on campus, but very infrequently, and would be a cheaper option. They are considering additional options.

Regarding Blackboard, there were a couple of questions submitted about Blackboard. As the official learning management system (LMS) of the University, we certainly want to assure that all faculty, particularly those teaching online, are minimally competent in Blackboard. Faculty are still free to use Zoom, Teams, Blackboard Collaborate, and other means of presenting to and interacting with students, but Blackboard maintains a gradebook, and other functionality that the other programs do not. Additionally, it is linked to Bisonweb. We have also provided accommodations for the School of Law where faculty primarily have been using TWEN, which is tailored for teaching with legal source materials for online instruction.

Another question referenced whether training can be mandated. Section B2.1(4) of the 2019 Faculty Handbook indicates;

B2.1 Teaching and Related Responsibilities

Faculty members' pursuit of teaching excellence is a life-long commitment and includes the following specific responsibilities:.....

4) To receive appropriate University-approved certification and training and receive approval from the appropriate department chair and/or dean prior to offering or teaching on-line or distance-learning courses.

We will provide additional opportunities to update faculty, respond to questions and concerns, and solicit feedback throughout the semester. Thank you.

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Good afternoon Dr. Wutoh,

At least two concerns have come to mind. (1) Parking. Several faculty have raised the issue that parking fee amounts for faculty should be revisited since most faculty will not be on campus this semester. (2) LMS. Faculty have also mentioned that using Blackboard for remote learning should not be mandated but instead perhaps recommended.

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Dr. Alfred,

Good afternoon. We will be conducting a Faculty Town Hall this Thursday, August 27, 2020. Are there any specific questions or concerns that the Faculty Senate would like to raise? Thank you.

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