DSAP Meeting October 26, 2020 Zoom

Notes:

- Elizabeth: policy on eating in dining halls
 - o A lot of transmission happening in small groups of people eating together
 - o Allowed to eat in dining halls if seated at separate tables
- Mary: change in planning for next semester?
 - o Modality preferences for spring semester chosen before transition to Orange
 - Faculty cannot change modalities after they choose them
 - Currently more online courses than we have this semester
 - New rules regarding blended-traditional classes (must meet at least once a week)
 - Thinks spike in Covid-19 cases is derivative of small groups spreading the virus into larger settings (Earl's, Campus Gas, football game, etc.)
 - o No super-spreader event; not seeing spread in residences
- Upcoming infographic
 - o Identifies what courses for spring 2021 will look like
 - o Specifies class types, whether a class is synchronous/asynchronous
 - Helps clarify registration portal for spring; improving registration transparency for students
- Olivia P.: research able to resume?
 - o Research on campus cannot go into labs
 - o Must abide by environmental health and safety rules
 - o Idiosyncratic depending on department/project/etc.
- Tal: will asynchronous classes still have a timeslot in the registration process?
 - Will show what days of the week that asynchronous work is due but does not have a timeslot attached to that day
- JB: Covid-19 spread within classrooms?
 - o Seen no transmission of Covid-19 in the classroom
 - There is evidence of classes that have students who appear to have gotten Covid-19 at the same time
 - o Correlation not causation
- Katy: Canvas updates?
 - o Faculty have received student feedback on canvas
 - o Faculty have access to resources to learn how to best manage their sites
 - o Developing a college-wide student evaluation of teaching
- Olivia F.: sustainability of campus operations amidst rising cases?
 - o Transition to Orange is a reminder of how we must adhere to Covid-19 guidelines
 - Student health services believes that students are being honest in their reporting of symptoms/cases; high accuracy in reporting Covid-19 cases
- JB: testing for antibodies/effects of more students having antibodies?
 - o Not enough information about how long antibodies last
 - Too soon to tell what tests students will take before they come back for spring semester

- JB: vaccine procurement?
 - o Not at the moment, no vaccines known to be effective yet
- Effects on students' social lives
 - o Alice: biggest strain has been social, not academic
 - o Mikey: fear of students traveling more with current campus climate
- Elizabeth: campus climate and the Presidential election?
 - Importance of voting; opportunities for community engagement and discussion for students
 - o Toolkit provided for faculty on how to handle post-election classroom interactions
- Abi: difficulty of contact tracing
 - Stressful for person diagnosed with Covid-19 but also stressful for those who have interacted with the person diagnosed
- Abi: status of Orange phase?
 - Right now: doing fine, after end of ten more days we will hopefully return to yellow
- Mikey: misinformation/rumors amongst student body
 - o Provide more clarity of contact tracing to students (for students concerned if they have interacted with someone through someone else, for example)
- Tal: academic policy about Nov. 24/23?
 - o Shutting down dorms at five pm, live classes right before students have to fly
 - Speak directly with professors and explain specific situation
- Olivia P.: exercising in Reynolda Trails, mask wearing
 - o Off-campus precautionary measures; Reynolda trails, Reynolda village
- Olivia F.: thoughts on the next WFU President?
 - o Hopeful to have a President who really appreciates the importance of diversity
 - Appreciation will benefit Pro-Humanitate and academic community
 - o Better classroom learning spaces, more financial aid for students
 - Focus on connection to community
 - o Understands relationship of university to the larger community
- Late-night hours of Sutton Center
 - o Open until 1am Sunday-Thursday
 - o Non-reservable space
 - o Study space in light of colder weather, anticipating finals
- NEXT MEETING: Nov. 17, 6pm