

Provost Winningham's Faculty Senate Report
June 9, 2020

1. I appreciate the grace, understanding and flexibility that WOU faculty have extended to our students in recent months. Students have faced significant stressors and the recent events surrounding the horrendous murder of George Floyd have added additional stress to the lives of many of our students. I encourage all of us to continue to err on the side of patience and compassion during the final days of spring quarter.

2. We will host another virtual town hall on **Tuesday, June 23 at 11:00am** to share updated information about Oregon's framework for reopening, the proposed unified public university re-opening plan, and WOU's planning efforts. A lot of progress has been made since our last town halls and we want to keep faculty and staff informed. If people are unable to participate in the live town hall, we will post a recording of the town hall in the Portal. We also did a student focused town hall last week, with over 700 participants.

Once again, we will use the WOUTV live stream channel that can be accessed by **clicking a Virtual Town Hall button that will be in all faculty and staff portals**. The button will become active 15 minutes before the town hall.

After we present the latest information about our re-opening efforts and planning, we will try to address questions that we have already heard or that are submitted before the event. Please submit any questions about reopening efforts by using the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeUIUVsW8xXGB_d13fYD0wfFzErv6K0p2m1-bdABCak7zwSQg/viewform

Live captioning services will be provided for this event.

3. Oregon State University recently announced that they won't have in-person meetings after Nov. 25th (Wed.). Last Thursday, two other public universities in Oregon reported to me that they are close to announcing a similar plan. Here is a statement from OSU's website:

On the Corvallis campus, fall term face-to-face teaching will end on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020, and week 10 face-to-face classes and fall term final exams and activities will be delivered remotely. Thus, Corvallis students will not need to return to campus after the Thanksgiving break to complete the fall term. This will provide an additional important measure of public health protection for students, faculty, staff and the Corvallis community.