Instructional Continuity Workgroup Meeting
August 19th, 2021

Attendance

Absent: Nichi Yes, Stefano Vidussi, Brigham Willis, Kathryn Uhrich, Christopher Lynch, Ted Garland, Joe Kahne, Subramanian Balachander, Rich Carpiano

Agenda in Brief
Welcome (Liz Watkins)
Committee Responsibilities
Guiding Principles
Vaccine Mandate and Testing
Adapting FAQs from Berkeley
Closing

Meeting Minutes
Welcome (Liz Watkins)
Today, we will:

- Establish committee responsibilities
- Determine our guiding principles
- Develop an FAQ to help faculty with fall instructional planning, using Berkeley’s as a template

At our next meeting, in two weeks, we will:

- Develop “What if?” scenarios, in case things get worse
- Determine our plan and communications strategy if we need to return to remote for some period of time

Committee Responsibilities
This workgroup is large to foster two-way communication. Each member is responsible for communicating decisions in this group to their own constituents and bringing back any concerns.

Guiding Principles
A draft of our committee’s guiding principles:

Health and Safety of our campus community and our campus communities’ families. We will always take guidance from authorities such as Cal OSHA, CDC, State of California, UCOP, etc.
Who We Are: We are a residential R1 university that needs to be in-person. World-class researchers. The exchange of being physically together is what a top university’s education experience is all about.

Flexibility: Everyone must be flexible as our plan might change day-to-day or month-over-month.

Consistency in decision-making. Not rigid rules or policies, but a consistent convention for which decisions belong at which level (instructor, chair, dean, or provost).

Clarity and Communication: We must communicate clearly.

Discuss these guiding principles and we will post a revised list.

Vaccine Mandate and Testing
- Campus vaccination rate updates
- Updates on progressive discipline strategy and communication for employees and students.
  - International Graduate Students: On a different timeline and may take longer to get vaccinated and report.
  - Transfer Students will have a hold if they haven’t submitted vaccination records. Emily, Christine, and Denise can take this offline and discuss to remediate the issue.
- Testing Updates: Testing will be available and widely accessible to folks who are unvaccinated (by exemption). There will also be testing for folks who have children under 12 or other dependents who can’t yet get the vaccine.

Adapting FAQ from Berkeley to UCR

https://coronavirus.berkeley.edu/return-to-campus/instructor-guidance/

Reviewed each item in the FAQ from Berkeley and discussed adjustments for UCR’s posted FAQs. Notes compiled and a draft will be circulated to the ICW group before publishing.

Closing
ICW leads and staff support will draft language for the classrooms and revised FAQ. We will workshop them over email, look for that next week.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 2nd