

## Provost's Announcements to the Faculty Senate April 26, 2022

- 1. Focus on Campus Re-Engagement:** As mentioned at the last FS meeting, we are establishing a working group to discuss and plan for mechanisms to increase support and engagement in the upcoming year. We seek two faculty members to serve on this campus-wide working group which will engage with several existing committees and shared governance entities. **FS Action Requested: Happy to take any questions or feedback.**
- 2. Grad Walk 2022:** The Grad Walk schedule is available [here](#). The invitation to faculty to attend Grad Walks for students in their programs will be sent on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. **FS Action Requested: Please provide feedback on the schedule and invitation.**
- 3. COVID-19 Update:** We continue to monitor the situation closely. The current status of COVID-19 cases on campus is as follows:
  - 10 total cases (8 in residence halls, 2 in off-campus housing)
  - 9 total cases (7 in residence halls, 2 in off-campus housing)
  - 3 total cases (2 in residence halls, 1 in off-campus housing)
  - 1 total case (1 in residence hall)
- 4. COVID Questions & Answers:** We seem to be continuing to trend in the right direction, but there are increases in cases in several areas around the country. For the week ending on 4/20/22 (Thursday to Wednesday), the weekly positivity rate was less than 0.5% (N=1,137). Please note that testing is now largely of individuals with symptoms or exemptions (so not a representative sample).
  - Four Academic Affairs employees are currently reported as Not Cleared for a medical reason.
  - KN95 masks are available for purchase.