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[faculty] Daily Updates

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Dear All:

We will be delivering daily updates as we progress toward solutions once the extended Spring Break is over. Here is today's update, which includes answers to questions posed by many of you:

- 1) To ensure that you don't have to search your e-mail for these updates, we will be posting on the Academic Affairs main page the essentials of these updates, and we will keep the page updated daily. https://www.nmt.edu/academicaffairs/covid-19/covid-19_AA.php. Note that this page has just been started, but considerably more info will be posted on it by late afternoon, tomorrow.
- 2) Regarding the question of going fully online/distance for undergraduate programs, we are expecting to make a decision on this tomorrow (Wednesday, March 17). We will notify one and all once that decision is made.
- 3) Regarding the question of how we intend to offer "mixed" grad/undergrad classes, we plan to offer 400-level courses (with grad students) as fully online, whereas 500-level classes (with undergrads) will be offered face-to-face, with video support to enable synchronous or asynchronous participation (depending on the faculty's choice).
- 4) Regarding the questions of larger graduate classes, and of adequate spacing between graduate students for small classrooms, the Graduate Dean has begun to tackle those issues (check your e-mail).
- 5) Regarding the questions of ensuring that no student, staff, or faculty member "slips through the cracks" of these communications, I ask Department Chairs to ensure that these e-mails are forwarded to your part-time faculty and your graduate students. We, for our part, are separately and redundantly e-mailing graduate students (Dean El Osery), Community Education instructors (Leslie Rosenthal) and Part-time Instructors (Lyndsey Lewis).
- 6) Regarding the many questions about labs, senior project/design, and other fundamental educational questions, exams and proctoring, we will be in much better position to answer many of those questions tomorrow.

Thanks ---- D

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