

May 9, 2020

Return to Campus Task Force

Dear HCCC Students, Faculty, and Staff,

I hope you are all safe and well! Together, we can take great pride in how we are navigating the challenges of the pandemic with a focus on supporting our students, employees, and community, and helping one another. Our HCCC family has never been stronger! I thank every member of our college community for what you are doing to support our students and the welfare of our employees and institution.

As we contemplate an eventual return to on-the-ground campus operations, I want to assure you that the safety of our community will be paramount in all of our planning. We will follow the advice and direction of health care and community leaders with respect to when, and how, we begin an eventual return to campus.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of a Return to Campus (RTC) Task Force to meet regularly and coordinate with statewide, regional and local health agencies in order to plan for various return scenarios, with safety at the center of all planning. The Task Force will also help keep our students and employees informed about issues associated with returning to campus.

I thank the following colleagues who have agreed to serve on the Task Force, which will be chaired by Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment, Lisa Dougherty, and Assistant Dean of Curriculum and Academic Assessment, Heather DeVries. The Task Force will hold its organizational meeting on Monday, May 11 and will meet weekly on Mondays thereafter and as circumstances warrant.

HCCC Return to Campus Task Force:

Lisa Dougherty, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment (Co-Chair)

Heather DeVries, Assistant Dean of Curriculum and Academic Assessment (Co-Chair)

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Kathleen Smith-Wenning, Director of Health Related Programs
Irma Williams, Associate Registrar

Again, I thank all of these colleagues for their engagement and participation in this important work. Should you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact Lisa Dougherty, Heather DeVries, or me. Please stay safe!

Sincerely,



Christopher M. Reber
President