

Subject: UGA Academic Affairs - Updates

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Dear All,

I wanted to share some general updates that Associate Deans of Academic Affairs received during our weekly meeting with Rahul Shrivastav and the OVPI team. This may give you a feel for some of the things going on at the University level and beyond.

This is purely informational and things could change (this is not a policy guide! and includes some speculation).

Please let me know if I can help or provide any clarification.

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1. Most study abroad and field study programs for the summer have been canceled; a small number remain on the books, and the next round of review and decision is expected sometime after 04/15.
2. Washington Semester Program and all other programs in the Washington D.C. area (CAES, Grady, Honors) have been cancelled. Delta Hall has been closed for the summer.
3. Admissions: Undergraduate admissions projections (based on number of deposits received) remain steady at this point with the number of deposits about the same as they were at this point-in-time last year. Note: this is very fluid with numbers changing daily.
4. Summer orientation will be done through a series of virtual meetings. Internal discussion to work on the logistics of this is scheduled for April 14th. We can share more details as these firm up.
5. Active Learning Summer Institute (ALSI), originally scheduled for Maymester has been cancelled. Faculty participants have been given an option to teach a class in the summer. We have asked faculty to coordinate these request with you, so each college's request for summer instructional funding is reviewed by the Deans offices.
6. The most frequent inquiries from students seem to be on the following issues:
 - a. Syllabus adjustments: Many faculty are trying to complete their entire (original) syllabus despite

- a shortened semester. Students are concerned about not having sufficient time to learn/interact/deliver on these, especially with technology, financial and other limitations. Please encourage your faculty to focus on essential learning outcomes and goals, and not simply on rushing through the entire syllabus.
- b. Refund of study abroad fees: These are being processed.
 - c. Tuition and fee for summer: This is under discussion and University will release the details once the revised fee structure is finalized.
7. Demand for summer classes (undergraduate) is increasing; with many study abroad and internships being cancelled, there is a high demand for summer coursework. A limited number of new classes have been approved and funding released. We continue to review these and hope to release more funding by the end of this week.
8. Strategic opportunities, particularly in online programs: Every crises also brings new opportunities and this time is no different. As you make your plans for the summer and the fall semester, look at areas of strategic importance and new opportunities that may be available. Take advantage of these when available. Feel free to contact our offices if we can help you with any such ideas or opportunities.

You asked these questions:

1. If some students are not showing up for their online courses, what should we do? When is it ok for us to contact the Student Care and Outreach Office? I discussed this with SCO yesterday and they encourage you to use them for student outreach. Basically, if you have attempted to reach the student and have been unable to establish contact, please contact SCO (<https://sco.uga.edu/> or sco@uga.edu).
2. Several of you had questions about whether or not you can continue for-credit internships for students. In general, here are our recommendation:
 - a. If the internships is being done remotely, then you can continue offering those and no special approval is necessary
 - b. If the internships require on-campus work, then it will likely need to be canceled as we continue operating with remote/tele-work arrangements for all except essential personnel
 - c. If the internships are being done outside UGA and the local ordinances there allow it, then these can continue. No special approval is necessary. However, we recommend that you remind students about their health and safety and best practices to follow. You may also want to ensure that you have the necessary documentation available, particularly if the internship has changed in any significant way (**SEE E BELOW**)
 - d. If the internships require in-person work and are critical for the student (e.g. for accreditation related requirements), then USG approval will be needed. Please send this request directly to the Provost's office as they will be submitting these to the USG. You can send these to Will Richardson (willr@uga.edu)
 - e. **Please note that OVPI is still seeking guidance from legal affairs about students working off campus.** Some of this could change.

3. Support for students or faculty who do not have good internet connectivity:
 - a. Check out DAE at a Distance website (see bottom of the page: https://dae.uga.edu/dae_at_a_distance/)
 - b. Several USG schools are now adopting “Eduroam” which will allow faculty/students with a UGA ID to log in to their wi-fi networks. If a faculty/student is in the vicinity of another USG school that uses Eduroam, they should be able to use those networks
 - c. USG and other agencies have made a list of available WiFi locations public. For e.g., see here: <https://broadband.georgia.gov/georgia-internet-access-covid-19-update>