

Meet & Confer

September 23, 2021

Faculty/Staff/Students

President's Auditorium/Microsoft Teams

1. Covid Update
 - a. September 14 was our peak of covid cases after Labor Day, and cases are declining daily
 - b. The mask mandate has been extended until October 18
 - c. The Administration is still gathering opinions as to whether we should go fully online (instructional only) after Thanksgiving break
 - d. We are not surveillance testing due to state guidance
 - e. Classrooms are still safe, as infections seem to be transmitted during after-class hours, visits home, and the Labor Day weekend
 - f. Athletics is requiring surveillance testing for non-vaccinated students
 - g. If masks are needed for classrooms, please contact Dale Cochran
2. Vice President for College Advancement Update – Dave Hutchison
 - a. GSC has received the ARC Power Grant for \$1.4M
 - b. This will fund running fiber and updating labs, and developing a crime simulator at the MTC, as well as other classroom updates
3. Nursing Program Update
 - a. The Nursing program is moving along well
 - b. Dr. Manchin would like to have a Department of Health Sciences in the future
4. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Update – Dr. Gary Morris
 - a. The HLC team has approved the Master's Program. The program still needs to be reviewed by the HEPC governing board for approval, in November.
 - b. Dr. Manchin hopes to be able to apply for University status during the next legislative session
5. Vice President for Administration Update – Rita Hedrick-Helmick
 - a. The Fine Arts renovation has been completed
 - b. Should have a budget for Starbucks soon
 - c. There will be HVAC trainings for employees & the public
 - d. Still working on plans for cafeteria/Rusty Musket renovations, which should start in October