

Good Afternoon,

Welcome to our second faculty council meeting of the year for the 2020-2021 school year. Before these meetings, I try and leave myself a little time to think about remarks I might make as your faculty chair, something meaningful or inspiring to help us think about our role as faculty members, the work we do, the importance to our students, and to the larger world. But I find more often these days that what I crave, certainly more than the sound of my own voice trying to say something uplifting, is silence and the peacefulness that comes with it if we wait long enough. There are so many loud voices in our world right now that I have no need to add mine to them. We are living daily in outrage and in sorrow interspersed with moments that are rewarding and even joyful. To reference Zorba the Great, we are living the full catastrophe. I am glad that today we are focusing on mental health in our community.

After some updates and remarks from our Chancellor and Provost and a brief Q & A, we're going to focus on mental health generally in our community and on the well-being of our student athletes in particular. We will also have time to talk as a group about our wishes and hopes for spring. I've asked the Chancellor and Provost to stay for this conversation, but simply to listen to what is on your mind. This is not a time for them to give updates or defend decisions past or present. It is a time for them to listen and for us to talk. I hope everyone will find such a conversation useful given that spring plans are proceeding apace.

Before I turn it over to them, I do want to update you on the Campus Community Advisory Committee. My fellow co-chairs, Reeves Moseley and Shayna Hill, are here today and it is a pleasure to do this work with them. The CCAC has met three times so far. We are meeting every Tuesday from 3-5 from now until mid-November. Those are open

meetings; all are welcome to attend. After the second meeting we asked the Provost to give us a schedule with specific requests for recommendations. This has been an iterative process as we've come back and said, we really need to think about issue A before we can talk about issue B, etc. Our first set of recommendations was delivered to the Chancellor and Provost on Wednesday morning and is posted on the OFG website. Helena, will you pull it up so that people can see it? We also post a weekly update, but when we issue recommendations those recommendations supersede the updates.

Shayna, Reeves, and I are also attending RIT meetings regularly which greatly enhances the communication and the ability to give voice to the concerns of faculty, staff, and students before decisions are made. So, thus far, I'm feeling good about this process. It is very useful to have representatives from students, faculty, staff, and the community come together. The discussion is rich and the group is working together very well. Before we turn to the chancellor and provost does anyone have any questions about the CCAC?

Before we proceed, I monitor the Q&A more than the chat. Faculty council members please use the raise hand function. Also, for those outside the webinar, you can use poll everywhere to insert your questions. Helena will be monitoring that and feeding those questions to me. Now let me turn it over to the Chancellor.