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Pandemic

Dianne Kopec <dskopec@maine.edu>

Fri, Apr 24, 2020 at 10:52 AM

To: umprovost@maine.edu

Dear Dr. Gilbert,

Hope you are well. I am an adjunct teaching Intro to Conservation Biology (WLE 323) in the Wildlife Department. The pandemic has been relevant to our lecture topics on several occasions, from threatened species sold as wild meat to reduced air emissions of greenhouse gases and climate change. You mentioned in yesterday's email that you were interested in capturing those lessons or discussions. Exactly what materials are you looking for? Are you interested in the entire lecture during which the coronavirus was mentioned, or just the relevant lecture segment (which often was only five or ten minutes long)?

Also, of possible interest – after break I opened our first Zoom class with an anonymous poll, asking how folks were feeling. The poll was multiple choice, and most of the possible answers were a bit goofy – along the lines of “connecting with my inner hermit”. But one option was serious, “growing increasingly worried about an uncertain future”. Over 70% of my students chose that option. That was painful to see. This would be a tough year to be graduating, as a third of my class is doing.

Be well, Dianne

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