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Academic Affairs Update: Thursday, April 23, 2020

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Good day to you all:

Define Tomorrow is the [initiative](#) that is asking you to send a sketch of an idea for reorganization, reduction of expenses, and/or increases to revenues. Please take a moment and submit your ideas via email to umprovost@maine.edu or anonymously via the [form](#) on the initiative website.

Getting to Tomorrow, Together, is an internally produced message (so nice to see Marketing and Communications!) that aired with the President's tour on Tuesday night. It reminds me of the strength of UMaine and its people: <https://youtu.be/Z4dB2dRyJZs> Hope you take 30 seconds to enjoy that view of our community.

In the hopes that faculty will help get the news to students, there are 3 items:

1. Students are wondering if faculty will allow them to select pass/fail for a course. Students can elect pass/fail for any undergraduate course at UMaine this term. It may make a difference in their ability to return to us. So, please, share the link students can use to opt in to pass/fail if that works for them. So far, about 200 students have chosen pass/fail for at least one course. The pass/fail process: *Download a form* from the Student Records website, *fill it out* (electronically), and email it to Student Records *from your maine.edu email account (not a Gmail or other account)* to make the change official. a) To select the pass/fail grade option, go to [the Student Records website](https://studentrecords.umaine.edu/pass-fail-protocol-spring-2020/) and select the button labeled "Pass/Fail Protocol – Spring 2020." (Or go to <https://studentrecords.umaine.edu/pass-fail-protocol-spring-2020/>). This page provides a link to the [Student Selected Pass/Fail Request Form](#). b) *Using your UMS (maine.edu) email account*, send the completed form to Student Records at umrecord@maine.edu.
2. Students are asking how to return a rental textbook to University Bookstore: contact **207.581-1728** um.bookstore@maine.edu
3. Students are wondering who to contact with questions. The phone number and email for assistance - **207.581.2681**; umaine.alerts@maine.edu — are on the UMaine homepage COVID-19 banner and on the UMaine coronavirus website: <https://umaine.edu/coronavirus/>. Also note the remote learner resources page: <https://online.umaine.edu/remote-learner-resources/>

Next, there are 3 items for faculty:

1. Brightspace is on target to begin September 1, 2020. [CITL has workshops](#) this April and May. Please prepare for flexible course offerings for this fall and work on the transition to Brightspace ahead of time.
2. Are you including lessons or discussions about the Pandemic in your course work? We want to capture that information. Please send it to umprovost@maine.edu with Pandemic as the subject line.
3. Have you used an effective process to present material for a course, laboratory, or enriched experience? Have you captured an effective method to engage students? We want to capture and share that information. Please send it to umprovost@maine.edu with Course Successes as the subject line.

Finally, for all of us: A video from Cooperative Extension and their impact on our farmers: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dn9qvm_vgtA&feature=youtu.be. UMaine is meeting the needs of the people of the state in so many different ways. The three-minute video was donated by the producer. If you have a break in your zoom, teaching tasks, and email today, it's worth watching.

Thank you for all you are doing to help students complete this term and to prepare for the next. Working together, we will come through this time with new ideas to enrich learning and the quality of our lives.

Sincerely,

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