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Academic Affairs Updates

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Here are a few updates on what is happening in Academic Affairs.

Office of the Provost Matters

- The Fall Planning Committee will reconvene on Monday, June 15th, to:
 1. adapt the Faculty Senate's Reopening Statement;
 2. get updates from Chairs of subcommittees of Phase I and II; Anthony Carpi and Angela Crossman, respectively;
 3. discuss assignments on various aspects of reopening needs.

Institutional Effectiveness Matters

- The Effective Practices for Online Teaching workshops are full for the summer. We will run additional EPOT workshops in fall and spring of this year.
- Faculty and staff interested in joining the FPS/SPS subcommittees researching administrative efficiencies and alternative sources of revenue for the college should contact Allison Pease, apeace@jjay.cuny.edu

Graduate Studies Matters

- Summer enrollment in graduate programs is up from last year. The number of new graduate students committed to fall 2020 enrollment has grown by 10% from last year, which is second only to the School of Public Health among CUNY senior colleges and professional schools.

Undergraduate Studies Matters

- Associate Provost & Dean Dara Byrne and Associate Provost Allison Pease are hosting two conversations on Juneteenth 2020. June 19th is a day of celebration and reflection in the Black American community, one that recognizes and reflects the delayed emancipation of enslaved Africans more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued.
- We invite faculty to join us for a conversation about the curriculum at John Jay, what it is and what it might be, especially as we ask whether what and how we teach about race and justice

will equip students for the world they are inheriting. To register and receive a Zoom Link, click <https://forms.gle/ASivHJmve3ipGWtBA>

- The afternoon conversation is for undergraduate students and is entitled The Work: An Open Conversation About Racial Justice and the Need for Sustained Action. Students will meet with John Jay alumni who work closely on the justice reform issues that are at the forefront of our minds. We will explore the work ahead and how has it changed in response to current events along with the many ways students can contribute.

Registrar's Office Matters

- Spring Grade Submission: Despite all of the issues related to the pandemic we received 96.61% of final grades for the Spring 2020 semester by the deadline date of May 28. By June 3, 99.43% of all grades were submitted. We would like to acknowledge the hard work and cooperation of the faculty who submitted their grades on time and facilitated the process for students to declare the CR/NC option, have their degrees conferred and meet pre-requisite requirements to register for Summer and Fall. Thank you to our wonderful faculty.
- Credit/No Credit Option Still Viable: The deadline for students to declare CR/NC option is June 25.

Research Matters

- Congratulations to our faculty and PIs who are on pace to have a record-breaking year in terms of grant proposals submitted. As of early June, more than 200 proposal for external funding had been submitted – a 45% increase from last year!
- Planning for a partial reopening of research facilities are underway and will be shared soon.

Operations Matters

- Adjuncts: Per the a new settlement between CUNY and the PSC, all reappointments and non-reappointment letters will be issued via email on June 30, 2020. Adjuncts should check their college email account for their notification. No EHRAFS should be generated at this time.
- Hourly Personnel Appointments: We have not yet received permission to reappoint college assistants or non-teaching adjuncts beyond June 30, 2020. We were asked to provide a list of those college assistants that we are choosing to non-reappoint by Friday, June 5th so that they may receive a notification letter by the contractual deadline of June 30th. No EHRAFS should be generated at this time. We will update the community as we receive new instructions from Central Office and HR.
- OTPS: Purchasing and Accounts Payables are in the process of closing out FY2020. Please be sure to submit all required invoices and travel documents for processing and payment. Departments will be notified when the FY2021 allocations are in place in CUNYfirst.
- Travel: All domestic and international travel has been suspended for FY2020 until further notice. More information on travel is available at <https://www.cuny.edu/coronavirus/#academic-travel>.