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Dear Faculty & Staff,

You have all received Provost Collins' message that she will be delaying the Dean's search implementation until Fall 2021. I am hopeful that the majority of the COVID-19 pandemic will be over and that a widespread vaccination program ([led by pharmacists](#)) will be well underway by then. It would be great if the new Dean could start with a clean slate, and get our building construction moving. In the meantime, we are not in a holding pattern. My plan is to keep moving the College forward toward fulfilling our Strategic Plan so that it will be obvious to any candidate that this is the best place to be Dean in the country. (I already think that! )

Thanks for all your support!

- ❖ I am really excited about our next guest on the "In the Interim" program. Miriam Mobley Smith is an alumna of the College of pharmacy, but more importantly, she is a [true pioneer in pharmacy](#). I originally invited her because we both are "interim deans" but after meeting her in a pre-show meeting, I came away so impressed. ALSO - because Dean Mobley Smith is the Interim Dean of Northeastern University School of Pharmacy, **we have invited Northeastern pharmacy students and faculty to participate in the program!** Don't miss this opportunity to represent the College and network with a living legend who has broken just about every rule that she has come across.

❖ **Election Resources and Information:**

If you're voting in Ann Arbor, you can register, get a ballot, and drop it off all at the same time at the Ann Arbor City Clerk's [satellite office at U-M Museum of Art](#). If you would like more information about candidates or issues, the non-partisan League of

Women Voters maintains [Vote 411](#), which provides accurate information on issues and candidates at all levels on your ballot. You may find this resource helpful as you make your plan and [vote](#).

**U-M Polling Place Volunteers are Needed** to support our students and community to have a safe in-person voting experience. Student Life is seeking volunteers to be present around campus polling locations on Election Day to greet voters, assist with wayfinding, answer general questions, and monitor building activity. Sign up [HERE](#).

[Community Connections](#) offers tips and resources for staff and faculty to foster a supportive community for students after the election.

[Looking to Election Week: Counting Votes and Determining Results](#) is the first in a series of Community Conversations. With the election almost upon us, two sets of issues are foremost on voters' minds--counting votes and how the results (or contested results) might be determined and covered by the media. Join 4 U-M experts for a lightning round of conversation about absentee ballots and voter fraud; voter suppression; Electoral College and implications for 2020; and media coverage, followed by individual breakout rooms with a chance to ask your questions.

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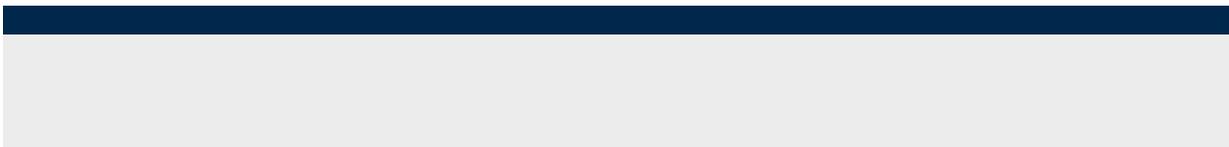
- ❖ **Getting Ready for the Election** is 1 of 3 sessions provided by the Ginsberg Center to help faculty, academic program staff, and GSIs prepare for the lead up to and aftermath of the election. Look at your calendar. [If you are teaching on the week following the election, you should prepare yourself with this information from this series.](#) The 1st session is designed to be a one-stop shop for election preparation basics. Resources will be shared to help your students get out to vote and discuss strategies for helping your students reflect on the impact of the election. Session 2 is about Managing Election Conversation, and Session 3 is Debriefing the Election--What Now? Information is [HERE](#).
- ❖ **The 2nd of the 3 sessions is:** [Structuring Classroom Discussions about the 2020 Election](#).
- ❖ [Managing Conversations During Election Season](#) will be presented on 10/29/20, 3-4pm. Participants will discuss ideas and guidelines for acknowledging strong emotions evoked during this election season in a supportive and nonpartisan way. Ginsberg Center staff will share several strategies for facilitating discussions with students

leading up to and after Nov. 3.

❖ **Leading the Classroom in Tumultuous Times: A Video Resource for Instructors** is available [HERE](#) to help U-M instructors teach in the midst of the upcoming election, ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the labor movements on campus, and the continued activism and protests against racism and police violence. A [recent conversation between Dr. Angela Dillard, Richard A Meisler Collegiate Professor of Afroamerican and African Studies, and U-M Associate General Counsel Jack Bernard](#) offers an excellent resource for instructors on how to navigate their approach to these issues.

Sincerely,

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