Hi Grad Students,

We are putting the final touches on the Fall semester plans. I want to share information with you as quickly as I get it. General University information about the University’s plans for COVID can be found on their Campus Blueprint page and their FAQ’s can be found [HERE](#).

Here is what is going on at the College:

- **Academic Calendar**: The fall and winter academic calendar dates are available [HERE](#).
  
  Important points to note on the university calendar.
  
  - Fall term (2020): elimination of fall study days, last day of in-person before Thanksgiving break (11/20), week-long Thanksgiving break, transition to all remote on 11/30, change to last day of classes to 12/8 (from 12/10), and finals now 12/10, 11, 14-18
  

- **Fall Class Schedule**: Class schedules have been adjusted, as needed, to accommodate hybrid and synchronous remote teaching. A complete list of classes can be found [HERE](#).

- **Greeters**: We are anticipating that the Greeter function in the morning will be ending soon, although they have been saying that for awhile now. Nonetheless, all the same safety rules should apply. Don’t come to work if you think you have been exposed or you are not feeling well...you know the drill because you have answered the questions every day that you come into the lab. You have been doing great and we’ve had no problems since we opened.
- **GSI Assignments**: These are getting close to done. We only found out yesterday when classrooms would be available for the classes. We need to make sure your coursework does not interfere with assigned GSI work. GSI’ing will be different this year! It will be really important to talk with your course coordinators to see what they view your responsibilities to be and how the course will be conducted (Live? Remote? Hybrid?).

- **We want to hear from you**: We have set up a web document for grad students to ask us questions in a way that lets us answer them for everybody to see, but not many of you have been putting up many questions. Maybe because Dean Ellingrod has been doing such a great job in keeping us informed. If you have a question that you want to have answered, here is the link: [Grad Student Q&A Page](#)

- **This message is from University of Michigan CAPS that is worth considering**: “With more time spent at home and online, it can be easy to get caught up in what others are doing and compare those actions and accomplishments with your own. Especially with social media, many of us get stuck in these negative comparisons, which are unrealistic considering that social media is often a highlight reel of only our best moments. No matter how you decide to spend your time, remember that we are living in unprecedented times, dealing with great amounts of stress and uncertainty. Everyone is struggling at some level, whether they post about it or not. It’s important to take this time to prioritize yourself and celebrate anything you are comfortable and able to do during this time. Even if it feels as simple as getting out of bed or going outside today, take pride in your achievements and practice self-compassion.”

Sincerely,
Bruce Mueller
Interim Dean and Professor of Clinical Pharmacy
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