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[faculty] Daily Update

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Dear All:

Tonight's update will be brief, in part, because many ingredients are coming together nicely. Today's summary is:

- 1) <u>Regarding student/faculty access to custom software on academic machines</u>: Joe is getting close to needing faculty and TA volunteers to test the system's robustness. I believe that he has already pinged the TAs about that.
- 2) Regarding the communication plan for Iver (ACT) / Joe (ITC) / Matt (AFRL) and Peter/Aly to bring all faculty and students up to speed on the key elements of our distance delivery systems: We expect to roll this out tomorrow or over the weekend, along with a first webinar tomorrow, from 3 to 4 pm. You should have received a Calendar invitation for it. During the webinar we will discuss various aspects of our transition to distance delivery. A panel consisting of representatives from ITC, ACT, AA, Research, and NMT-AFRL will be available to answer questions. A recording of the webinar will be available for later viewing. There will be follow-on training activities/events/support next week. The draft plan looks like this:
 - 2.1) For our main site (https://www.nmt.edu/academicaffairs/covid-19/covid-19_AA.php) we plan to add a top section that summarizes the current state of affairs for different topics in a bulleted list. The idea is to summarize the most important and current guidance from the various emails related to academic matters.
 - 2.2) We plan a FAQ organized into different subject areas covering the many questions that we have been getting from faculty.
 - 2.3) We plan to start a student-version AA website focused on online education issues, how to connect to courses, etc. This will be the analogue to the one we have for faculty, but simpler. Once we have it running we will email the students with information and give the link to the site for details and updates.
- 3) <u>Regarding needed wifi/IT resources for faculty, instructors and TAs to be able to deliver education from their home</u>: most of this information has been gathered and shared with ACT/ITC, with a few departments yet to complete that data request.
- 4) <u>Regarding petitions for student workers</u>: we are working through them, with about half decided and the other half tomorrow.

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5) <u>Regarding the Covid-19 Task Force</u>: President Wells e-mailed us today about the extensive activities of this group, which meets daily to tackle the issues.

Questions?

Thanks ---- D

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