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Dear Colleagues,

Please forgive the lateness of this report, but we have a lot going on these days, don't we? First, I want to express my gratitude to all faculty, staff, students, and administrators as we navigate these uncertain waters together. The situation is fluid and the solutions imperfect, but having been involved as a department chairperson, faculty governance lead, and a faculty member, I am impressed that folks at all levels of the institution and system are doing the best they can with the tools, options, and rapidly changing information they, and we, have. This is a very bumpy road, and I am constantly reminding myself, as I encourage us all to do, that this circumstance is not of anyone's choosing. We are collectively responding to a real and present global public health crisis, and although the ways we are coping with this may not be ideal by any stretch, in the end, the safety, education, and security of our community is our shared priority. p;

It is important that we think through what we can do better the next time something like this happens, however, and in that vein, *the agenda for tomorrow's scheduled FA meeting has been suspended. The major reason for this is that President Kennedy is rescheduling his planned UCCS campus visit in order to conduct meetings regarding system strategies and planning for COVID-19 that will include our Chancellor and some of his team; this is entirely expected under the circumstances and we will be working with his office to reschedule his visit.*

So please note also that **TOMORROW'S FACULTY ASSEMBLY MEETING WILL NOT BE HELD IN PERSON AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED, BUT RATHER WILL OCCUR VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS. Obviously, no lunch will be provided. Information for accessing this meeting is below and will also be repeated in an announcement that will follow this report.** The agenda will be provided prior to the meeting but will consist of approval of the minutes from the last meeting followed by a moderated but open discussion of the recent COVID-19-related academic adjustments, some information about how faculty have been involved in those processes and what could be done differently in the future under similar urgent circumstances, concerns about faculty review, evaluation, and resources related to remote learning, and an exchange of ideas (ideally resulting in a shared resource page for faculty) about meeting some of these challenges. The Chancellor and Provost are planning to join the meeting around 1:15.

Please bear with us on this- it is unclear how well a large Teams meeting will go, but we wanted to bring our group together despite the current situation to have a chance to talk through concerns raised by FRA members, faculty at large, and members of the AAUP, some of whom I expect will join our meeting tomorrow.

Thank you, and please stay well!

Mary

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- If you have not already done so, please visit the [Microsoft Teams Page at IT services](#) and click on "How Do I Get Started?"
- Download the Teams client for your desktop or open the online version. In either case, you will need to be logged in with your UCCS credentials.
- Once you are logged in, click the "Teams" button on the left side of your teams workspace, and you'll see the "FR: Faculty Representative Assembly" button. Click on it. 😊
- You will enter on the "Posts" page for the team. There are tabs at the top for different pages. Once we have an agenda, it will appear there.
- We will open the meeting about 11:45 (but actually start at 12:00) to give folks time to make sure they can get in, so when you go into the team after that, there will be a "join" link on the page. Click there and you are in!