

University Steering Committee meeting
Friday, August 14

Dr. Hrabowski commented that many Universities within Maryland are doing their own thing. UMBC has decided to listen to the sciences and acting after that.

Dr. Rous said 89% of the classes are fully online. 2% of classes are on campus. 5% will be hybrid classes. Important that the students are successful and will graduate. This is a situation that is evolving so we will have to be prepared to shift back if necessary.

Lynne Schaefer talked about campus-wide testing between August 21-26. 4000 people have been invited to get tested. You will need a negative COVID test in order to return on campus. Besides a COVID test, anyone on campus will have to submit a form for symptom tracking which has to be submitted every day, seven days a week. The testing will take place in the commons garage on campus. We need volunteers to collect forms from attendees. The volunteers will need to have a test conducted before volunteering. It's ok if they are waiting for the result when they do volunteer.

UMBC will be tracking the positivity rate on campus and other metrics. The trick is to catch it fast, identify other people who have been in touch with infected people.

Roland King shared the new website for students, staff, and faculty to get ready for Fall 2020. Even affiliates will find a section that will apply to them.

Valerie Thomas talked about the FFCRA is 2 weeks of sick leave if you have been in contact with someone with coronavirus or if you have been contracted the virus yourself. This leave will apply for everyone on campus if you have been employed 30 days before you needed the leave.

At the pen,
Helena Dahlen