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Memorandum

TO: Deans

FROM: Dr. Joanne Tokle
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SUBJECT: Fall 2021 Schedule

DATE: January 29, 2021

The Fall 2021 schedule deadline is fast approaching. With all of the uncertainty due to the pandemic, we would like to offer some guidelines for schedule planning.

- We will continue to follow CDC guidelines for safe classroom instruction. When CDC guidelines become less restrictive, we will change accordingly.
- The likelihood of returning to “normal” by August depends on vaccine availability and roll out as well as disease activity.
- We will start scheduling the Fall 2021 semester with the current “COVID capacities” for classrooms, as it is easier to increase classroom seats than to scale back like we did last year.
- Consider scheduling large classes throughout the day rather than restricting them to the popular 9:00-2:00 time block. Scheduling classes outside of those times will free up space in the PSUB.
- We want to keep our options open and maintain flexibility while minimizing disruption to student plans once they start enrolling in April. For example, when pandemic conditions improve, we can increase the number of students in the classroom in HyFlex classes, while maintaining the HyFlex option for remote students. We have found that students living in Meridian and Idaho Falls have enrolled in Pocatello classes when they can take them in the HyFlex modality.
- We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate this difficult situation.