

Subject: Faculty Senate update on COVID-19 preparation

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Dear Colleagues,

Yesterday, March 11, President Bendapudi announced the following decisions concerning the COVID-19 situation:

- Spring Break is extended through March 17. Classes will be delivered remotely starting March 18 through April 5.
- International travel is suspended effective immediately.
- Non-essential domestic business travel is suspended effective immediately.
- On-campus events will continue, but are under review.
- UofL's campuses remain open and operational.

Prior to the finalization of these decisions, the leadership team, which included the Faculty and Staff Senate chairs, discussed extensively the existing research regarding COVID-19, including the advice infectious disease experts. As Faculty Senate Chair and Vice-Chair, we support the decisions outlined above.

Beginning today, the Delphi Center is prepared with a variety of options to assist faculty members who may need support in moving face-to-face classes to an online format. In-person training will be available through March 17.

- [Online Module](#) you can complete at your own pace (available now)
- [In-Person Classroom Trainings](#) to be held in the TILL Classroom in Ekstrom Library
- [Live Virtual Trainings](#) to be held via Blackboard Collaborate from any location

Deans and chairs in every unit are working to assist faculty in managing this transition. We know it will take extra patience and understanding to successfully navigate our way through uncharted territory.

We recommend you contact your own students now, even if just to let them know you are working on the transition, and that the University has their health and well-being as the highest priority.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if we can be helpful as we move through this unprecedented situation.

Sincerely,

Krista Wallace-Boaz, Chair of the Faculty Senate
Dave Simpson, Vice-Chair of the Faculty Senate