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RE: Planning for Fall 2021

Dear Colleagues,

As you know, planning for instruction during the current COVID-19 pandemic has been challenging at best. We want to express our sincere appreciation for your efforts and your dedication while delivering the vast majority of UC Davis curriculum remotely in the current academic year, including Winter and Spring 2021.

Notwithstanding those difficulties, we write with optimism and to convey our expectation that instruction in the Fall of 2021 will return to pre-pandemic, in-person delivery. With the planned distribution of effective and safe COVID-19 vaccines, as well as the continuation of our robust asymptomatic COVID-19 testing capabilities, we expect to be able to return to in-person instruction for all courses in Fall 2021.

We will remain in close partnership with our local public health colleagues and we will continue to base our decision-making on then-current public health guidance. We acknowledge that we may need to provide accommodations for some members of our campus community whose health circumstances require continuing caution with respect to potential exposure. But we hope that you will share our excitement with the prospect of returning our campus operations to something very close to normal. We ask that all faculty, staff, and students plan accordingly with the expectation of resuming in-person instruction in Fall of 2021. We will provide additional information in the months ahead, including our plans for Summer 2021.

Thank you again for your perseverance and commitment to providing the best possible education to our UC Davis students.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Croughan".

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