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**Items for our Return to In-Person Winter Instruction  
Sent to Academic Senate and Academic Federation Members**

Dear Colleagues,

As we return this week to fully in-person classes, a higher than normal number of students will likely miss classes because of COVID-19 isolation and related reasons. Please consider the following items to facilitate continuity for your courses and to avoid penalizing our students (who are following instructions to keep our campus community as healthy as possible):

- Continue to record classes when feasible. The Keep Teaching website has instructions for requesting and using [Lecture Capture and AggieVideo](#). You may also [request centrally-funded student assistance](#) to help you record your classes.
- Avoid attendance-based grading. Note that attendance-based grading is not the same as participation-based grading. Active participation in many types of classes is critical and can reasonably be used to assess our students.
- Remember that final exam flexibilities are still available in the winter. View full details on the Academic Senate's [COVID-19 webpage](#).

As always, additional instructional and personnel resources cover many scenarios and finer points:

- [FAQs for Classroom Instruction](#)
- [Resources for non-SDC Instructional Accommodations](#)
- [COVID-19 Academic Personnel Information](#)

Thank you all for your hard work, especially during this roller coaster of a quarter.

Take care,  
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