Impact of COVID-19 (#770)

Dr. Lloyd and guest Ms. Sandy Pantlik discussed the future message to parents and students from President Trauth informing them of Texas State’s plan for university operations for fall 2020. Dr. Lloyd will identify an email/inquiry response team. This team will be charged with responding to emails and other inquiries that are likely to result from President Trauth’s communication about the fall 2020 semester.

Mr. Algoe suggested revisions to the Bobcat Pledge. A small work group will be convened to discuss and implement his suggestions.

Dr. Cavitt discussed the process of reviewing requests for housing waiver exemptions. Rooms will be set aside for students who have been exposed; students that test positive will be moved to Bobcat Village; unfilled rooms can be reserved by upper classmen.

Dr. Cavitt provided an update on contact tracing. Contact tracing of people by the Student Health Center (SHC), can only be performed on people who report to the SHC. The SHC does not have the authority to contact trace patients unless they have written authorization. The SHC has developed the written authorization, which was approved by The TSUS Associate General Counsel on July 16, 2020. The SHC is working on integrating it into the reporting system. The SHC is pursuing contact tracing through email and phone calls until the secure Bobcat Trace reporting system is operational. There are currently eight staff members working on contract tracing and the SHC is attempting to hire three additional contract tracers in August 2020. In the interim, the SHC will use an interim Qualtrics reporting tool while staff finalize the Bobcat Trace system for ADA accessibility and HIPAA compliance.

Dr. Lloyd shared the most recent draft of the dashboard. President’s Cabinet approved.

Dr. Cavitt provided a report on group arrivals (e.g., athletes and resident assistants) to the residence halls through August 2020.

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