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Good morning, and welcome back from Spring Break! I hope you were able to relax and enjoy some of the beautiful weather we had – we had sun, rain, and snow, all within the space of about 48 hours. But nothing atypical for Missouri!

This week's updates:

COMMENCEMENT SAFETY PROTOCOLS: In my last *Provost's Notes*, I shared which Commencement ceremony faculty members are to attend, but I failed to share the safety protocols that will be in place during the event. Here are the safety protocols that will be in place for faculty:

- Masks will be required of all in attendance.
- To prevent crowding in tunnels, there will be no faculty processional or recessional.
- There will be no faculty gathering area in Hammons Student Center, which means no goodies to munch on beforehand. Instead, faculty should go directly to JQH Arena where they will be directed to their seating area. Plans are for there to be two seats in between each faculty member in the faculty seating areas.
- Also, we anticipate that most who wish to be vaccinated will have had the opportunity by then, so that lessens the risk even further.

ADVISING FOR SUMMER AND FALL: In the next few days, Springfield students will receive an email encouraging them to make an appointment with their assigned advisor. **Please be proactive in reaching out to your advisees** to schedule these appointments to assist them in planning for the summer and/or fall semesters. You should be receiving additional advising resources from Academic Advising in the coming days as well.

HLC VISIT: I will send another email this week with further details about the upcoming HLC visit next week. This will include Zoom links to the Open Forums. Again, please participate as much as your schedule will allow.

Questions? Please don't hesitate to contact me. Have a great week!

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