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COVID-19: Executive Steering Committee on Return to On-Campus Operations

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Wendy Bertram, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor (Staffing and Support)

Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for continuing to serve on the *COVID-19: Executive Steering Committee on Return to On-Campus Operations*. Senior Associate Chancellor Mike DeLorenzo will continue to serve as chair of this committee and Wendy Bertram will provide staffing and support.

As we know the disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic have been global and the repercussions on our institution have been significant and lasting. The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign has responded like no other institution of Higher education, from the development of the saliva test to the successful testing of students, staff and faculty and assisting with the organization and distribution of the COVID vaccine. However, our work is not done. The pandemic has made us think of and develop new strategies and protocols that we need to evaluate to determine which ones will be long lasting and what new additional permanent responses we need to address.

Therefore, I ask that your committee:

- Identify, evaluate lessons learned from this past year and adjust for a comprehensive and multiphase implementation processes necessary for the university's fall 2021 operations.

- Recommend the actions, policies and processes that must be implemented for resumption of our academic, research, engagement, and campus life activities for the fall 2021 semester, the total academic year and beyond, as necessary.
- Continue to adapt and implement plans for communication of committee and working group activities and recommendations with senior campus leadership, college deans, the Academic Senate, the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District, local community leaders and more broadly to all students, faculty and staff.

During this pandemic we have experienced unprecedented challenges and there likely will be more. So, we are asking you to continue to assist us in identifying and developing the best approaches to address these challenges. I only ask that your decisions and recommendations be guided by these core principles:

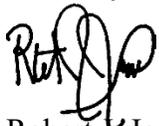
- Protection of the safety and health of our students, faculty, staff and local community
- Preservation of our land-grant missions of education, scholarship, service and engagement
- Processes that are transparent, open, consultative and respectful of our traditions of shared governance

I ask your steering committee to continue to coordinate the charging and subsequent activities of seven working teams that will address the full needs of the operational and mission responsibilities across the institution. Those teams will be:

- Academics (Chairs: Vice Provost Bill Bernhard, Interim Vice Provost Lisa Monda-Amaya)
- University Life (Chairs: Vice Chancellor Danita Brown Young, Vice Chancellor Sean Garrick)
- Community and Public Engagement (Chair: Executive Associate Chancellor Wanda Ward)
- Finance and Operations (Chair: Acting Associate Chancellor and Vice Provost Vicky Gress)
- Human Resources (Chair: Interim Senior Associate Chancellor Deb Stone)
- Research and Scholarship (Chair: Associate Vice Chancellor Jan Novakofski)
- SHIELD: Target, Test, Tell (Chair: Kraig Wagenecht, Executive Director of SHIELD Operations)

I thank you for your continued service as we navigate through this difficult time.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Jones
Chancellor