

Subject: Update on HACC's Remote Planning – Oct. 14, 2020
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Good evening, colleagues!

As I noted in my last [Ski Gram](#), HACC students are showing great resilience as they continue through this semester. However, we can and must do more to show our support for them.

When I recently asked some students what the College community could do to assist them, the 10 most common answers included the following:

1. Keep me engaged out of the classroom.
2. Demonstrate that you like me by asking how I am doing.
3. Affirm my attempts at completing assignments or contributing in class.
4. Keep me connected in class discussions.
5. Ensure the workload and related assignments are reasonable and manageable.
6. Encourage me to keep going when I show discouragement.
7. Talk about your experiences as a remote employee and person so I know that I am not alone.
8. Tell me that you admire all I am going through while continuing my education.
9. Promote, regularly, all of the support services available to me (including food security and mental health).
10. Reach out to us in affinity groups if you are interested in learning more about us and our recommendations on how to enhance the delivery of classes and services.

Please keep these and other needs in mind throughout the semester, as you continue to support the success of all students.

As you have come to expect, following are the commonly asked questions and our responses to them. Please note that some of these responses are tentative and subject to change. If you have additional questions and you do not see the answers on the website, please submit the online form located on the website. Please see the webpage section called "[Information for Employees](#)." If you would like to see the information being communicated to students, please see the webpage called "[Information for Students](#)."

We will continue to update you regularly via email, the aforementioned website and Zoom sessions.

Thank you!

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1. **Will HACC's Athletics Department run their spring sports since the campuses will remain closed through the middle of May 2021?**

The safety of our students and employees is paramount. As our campuses are closed, we will not have any team sports in spring 2021. We will not resume sports until it is determined that we can safely re-open the campuses.

2. **Does HACC have an employee that serves both the Office of Human Resources and the Office of Inclusion and Diversity? If not, I recommend that a position is established to ensure equality in the hiring, firing and employee discipline processes.**

A position to serve in this role is not necessary. The Office of Inclusion and Diversity and Office of Human Resources work very closely on individual cases. The offices also partner on broader strategic goals to ensure equity in hiring, firing and other personnel actions at the College.

3. **Where do things stand with the sale of the Lebanon Campus building to the City of Lebanon, as well as plans to renovate the third-floor space?**

HACC is in the final stage of discussions and has formed the necessary agreements to bind the City of Lebanon to purchase the Lebanon Campus building and enter a five-year lease agreement for the third floor and the lab space on the second floor. We anticipate making a formal announcement in the upcoming weeks. For more information, please refer to the Oct. 8, 2020, [Zoom session](#).

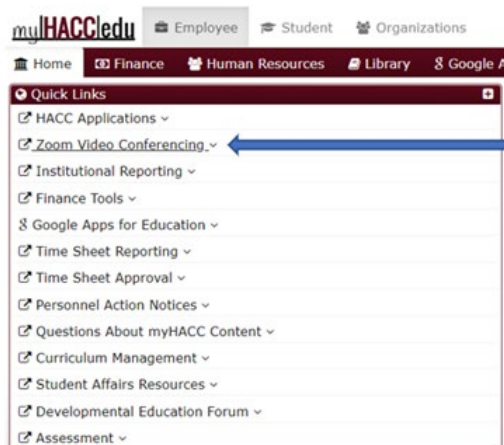
4. **Have the Zoom backgrounds moved from the “Coronavirus Updates” portal of myHACC? Where can I find them now? Are there any new backgrounds?**

Yes. To keep all Zoom information organized in the same location, the link to the Zoom backgrounds has been moved under the “Zoom Video Conferencing” section of [myHACC](#). You may also find them in this Google Drive:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LcJGRiPvQ_OMrT0ADzv9UPpaMPAYq6-V

Please note:

- You must login to Google using your hacc.edu email address to gain access to the Zoom backgrounds in the Google Drive.
- There are new Zoom backgrounds in the “Inclusion and Diversity” subfolder.



5. **Can students schedule an appointment in advance with a tutor to prepare for an upcoming exam?**

Students can access instant drop-in appointments through a software called TutorTrac.

We are excited to announce that TutorTrac will also allow students to schedule appointments up to 30 days in advance, which can be a great way to build in planning time for big papers, exams or projects. To learn more, please see <https://libguides.hacc.edu/learningcommons/tutoring/schedules>.

6. Can students use Chromebook devices to take HACC's online proctored exams using Examity?

Yes. The College uses Examity, a test proctoring software, that has been updated to support Chromebook devices.

QUOTE: *I began to realize how important it was to be an enthusiast in life. If you are interested in something, no matter what it is, go at it full speed. Embrace it with both arms, hug it, love it and above all become passionate about it. Lukewarm is no good. ~Roald Dahl*