From: Stern, Joyce
To: Walden, Katherine
Subject: FW: Assignment "Due dates" in Bio 252 = "target" dates
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 11:41:09 AM

Katie, in the Community Friday I mentioned a wonderful new course policy from Kathy Jacobson. Her policy and my correspondence with her is below in case it's something that could be added to your site.

Joyce

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From: Jacobson, Kathryn <JACOBSOK@Grinnell.EDU>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 3:47 PM
To: Stern, Joyce <STERNJM@Grinnell.EDU>
Subject: Re: Assignment "Due dates" in Bio 252 = "target" dates

Sure Joyce.... I think it's pretty amusing that someone is sending these to you! I'm happy to share.
I hope you are doing okay..... I can only imagine what your workload is like right now. Four more weeks to the semester..... and then who knows what happens next, right? Crazy times!
Kathy

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From: Stern, Joyce <STERNJM@Grinnell.EDU>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 12:30 PM
To: Jacobson, Kathryn <JACOBSOK@Grinnell.EDU>
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Kathy, once again one of your students has shared a wonderful email from you! I am wondering if we could share this (or some part of it) on the CTLA page for examples of teaching during coronavirus.

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From: Jacobson, Kathryn <JACOBSOK@Grinnell.EDU>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 10:23:40 AM
Subject: Assignment "Due dates" in Bio 252 = "target" dates

Hi All,

Some of you have been concerned about your ability to get your work for Bio 252 in by the "due date and time". I think I owe you a note that clearly articulates how I view "due dates" in these pandemic times, when we all have such different working environments. I don't view this as a good time to help you continue to develop good study and work habits by enforcing deadlines. In fact I think that's the last thing I should be doing right now. Based on the first 8 weeks of this class, it was pretty clear to me that you were all diligent students and thus I am confident that everyone is now doing their very best to learn all they can from this class, but that you might have to do it at slightly different paces because of the situation you now find yourself in. So please know that my assignment "Due dates" are intended to help you stay on track with the rest of the semester's work but will absolutely not be strictly enforced.

With that in mind, no one needs to "ask" for another extension, for anything. Rather, if you won't be able to get your work in when it is due, simply send me a note that says when I should expect it. I want you to do that because it will help you to continue to set deadlines for yourself. If you run up against your self-imposed deadline, send me another note about when to expect it, and also do a little soul-searching about why the work isn't getting done on time. If you want to chat about it, you know how to find me.

And please remember that my primary goal is to create activities that foster your learning in the remainder of the course, and that's what's driving me to say take you time on the assignments and get as much out of them as you can.

We have multiple inches of snow on the ground this morning in Grinnell. Pretty, but I wouldn't mind some of Matt's prolonged heatwave in Florida, right about now!

I sure hope you are all well.

Kathy

PS. I would be remiss to not point out that the college's deadline for submitted work is indeed final: 15 May, unless you take an Incomplete. If that looks necessary, we should definitely discuss well before the deadline (see Registrar's page).

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