

Dear Colleagues,

We congratulate you on the tremendous achievement of celebrating the final day of classes, and hope that the weekend will bring some respite after these difficult six weeks. We wish you as well good luck during finals week. We offer updates on this week's work below.

End-of-Course Evaluations for Spring 2020

We want to remind you that EOCs will *not* be used for reviews, but we do hope you will encourage your students to fill them out for development purposes. If you have opened your EOC process for a particular timeframe, we want to note that the Office of Analytic Support and Institutional Research has been receiving e-mails from students in different time zones who have been unable to fill out evaluations during the assigned time. We encourage you to consider re-opening the Smartevals for students who may be having that difficulty.

Sharing Planning Ideas, Questions, and Concerns

Thank you to everyone who attended today's Community Friday meeting about planning for fall 2020. The 2020–21 academic year is going to look different for all of us and your insights and expertise are valuable.

We will build on today's discussions as they continue next week in Division meetings on Monday, May 11, and a Staff Council Fireside Chat on Tuesday, May 12. (Staff should have received Webex meeting details about the Fireside Chat from Sarah Smith by email on May 5. We encourage staff to submit questions and concerns through an [anonymous form](#).)

We appreciate the many questions and ideas voiced at the meeting and in the Webex chat, and we will work to respond to them as we continue our planning. Please keep these questions coming; we will benefit from your perspectives, creativity, and commitment to facing the challenges ahead.

Temporary Online Access to Print Books

Burling and Kistle may be closed, but Grinnell College Libraries are now able to provide digital access to roughly half of our print collection, thanks to the HathiTrust Emergency Temporary Access Service (ETAS). Current Grinnell College students, faculty, and staff can discover these in-copyright books in Primo, our online catalog, and read them online in the HathiTrust Digital Library. Users also can search for books directly within the HathiTrust database, which contains 6.7 million freely available public domain items in addition to our ETAS books. For more information, refer to our guide: [Temporary Online Access to Print Books](#).

We remain deeply grateful to you all as you have done so much to teach and advise our students in the ever-changing circumstances of a global pandemic as our community has worked to complete the semester – and succeeded! Our students are fortunate to have your dedication and commitment.

With admiration and in solidarity,

Anne F. Harris, Dean of the College
Todd Armstrong, Chair of the Faculty