Dear Colleagues,

We hope this email finds you and your loved ones safe and well. With the end of the semester approaching, we are writing to offer a few timely reminders to help contextualize the 2020 election, and extend our support to faculty and students during this challenging time.

First, thank you for your tireless efforts to support undergraduate inside and outside of the classroom this semester. We hear students routinely express to us their appreciation for all the ways faculty have gone above and beyond to engage and support them in all platforms. For many, this has come as you juggled many additional responsibilities outside of your teaching and where we share the students’ gratitude.

Of course, managing the stress of the compressed, uncertain, and uniquely challenging semester has been difficult for all of us. As we approach the end of the term, we hope you will find the information and reminders offered below to be helpful and timely.

Faculty Mental Health and Wellness

Given its condensed nature and limited opportunities for social connectiveness, this semester presents a host of unique challenges for students. We are here to support you and share a few resources that included mental health and wellness resources for faculty.

Today’s Election 2020

In addition to voting information, the Duke Votes website includes conversations, listen to students’ concerns, and, if necessary, refer voters for students. Please don’t ever worry alone – we are in this together, and we are here to help you feel safe and supported. We share this email with you to support and encourage you in this unique moment.

As a reminder, classes are scheduled to take place online in November. President Price’s recent message noted that faculty have the flexibility to make alternate arrangements regarding coursework and scheduling, if you are able. The Oﬃce of Undergraduate Education encourages you to take steps that support student participation in the democratic process.

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