Welcome back. **WELCOME BACK!** Nearly all of us are finally physically back on campus this semester, so this fall's Welcome Back is larger than normal! The enthusiasm of students and staff at being together again is palpable, and I hope you can harness that enthusiasm.... last year felt a bit like a shadow of a normal year, no one really got what they fully needed out of their classes, so everyone has a bit of catching up to do this year. I hope that the joy we all feel at being together again can provide us with both the patience we will need to help students make up background deficiencies, and with the extra compassion we'll need to handle the continued disruptions caused by the pandemic.

We also welcome back our staff - we will have 4 front office student workers this fall: Marissa Backus is returning and will be in on Thurs. afternoons; Cecelia Loeschmann, who started last fall (so you might not have met her in person yet), will be in Mon. & Tues.; and two students started this fall - Hailey Huisman who will be in Wed. midday, and Thurs. & Friday mornings, and Matthew Carlsen who will be in Tues., Thurs., & on Fri. afternoons.
However, even after the pandemic calms down - operating nearly completely online as long as we did will have lasting effects on how we conduct business.

For example - UWM now allows office staff to work partly from home (as instructors have done for many years!). As a result, Richard will be in on Mon., Tues., & Thurs.; Kim will be in on Mon., Wed., & Fri.; and Katie will be in on Mon., Tues., & Wed. Other days, you can contact them by email - or you can try Teams.

In other staff updates: Shelby DeSantis took a position in the Peck School of the Arts, so for now, our permanent office staff are working alongside the students to keep everything running, and we say goodbye to retirees Prof Jay Beder, Hans Volkmer, and Yi Ming Zou.

In addition to more work from home options, we also anticipate more use of electronic media (Canvas, etc) and less use of paper in the future. Since the photocopiers cost us several hundred dollars a month just to sit there.... we will be removing one of the two large copiers from the copy room. There will still be the smaller color copier in the main office as backup. But due to this, please allow more time to make copies in the peak times (between classes).

However, for those of us on campus - we have reserved EMS E424A during MTWR 12:30-1:45 for a social hour (our budget doesn't allow us to provide refreshments but I encourage you to stop by if you want a break from your day!), and please let your students know that EMS E425 is reserved full time for an Open Study Lab - no tutor/proctor provided but they are welcome to use the space and computers. Phys 326 is re-open as the Calculus Workshop, though tutoring is in Bolton 180 we anticipate some instructors having some office hours in there and students using the space to study.

With that, I will let you get to the rest of this newsletter! PLEASE read it newsletter carefully - it contains some important dates (like the fall picnic! Oh and other business-related dates) and some important policy/training reminders and links - see below!

Just remember - this semester is going to be different than each one before it. There has been a LOT of information shared by campus. When in doubt, try to find an answer online but then PLEASE if you are in any doubt or in a new situation, do ask someone for advice/assistance! Depending on your issue, you may ask a staff member, an advisor, a course coordinator, or me! Better to be on the safe side and ask for clarification in this evolving environment - as you’d tell your students, there are NO dumb questions!!!!

Best,
COVID-19

Please make sure you are up to date on the new policies and procedures regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. The University website regarding COVID-19 contains updated information regarding vaccinations, testing, self-reporting, and more.

In particular, we ask every employee to urge and, if needed, to help already-vaccinated students upload their vaccination documentation so that we can accurately measure vaccination rates across campus. See the instructions below for reporting vaccination through the Testing Exception/Vaccine Reporting Form. Those who are not yet vaccinated have several opportunities this month to get their shots on campus. The vaccination clinic schedule is available online.

Contact Richard if you are still in need of a clear visor and or mask. For those instructors who have ARC accommodations in their class, you can reach out to the UWM ARC. They were given the “badger (face) shield” style of masks. If still available, please direct your request to ARC directly.

Upcoming Math Colloquium Talks

Sept 24: Dr. Elaine Chew - "The Heart of Music: From Expressivity to Neurocardiology"

View the events on our website here.

Graduate Student Colloquia

The Graduate Student Colloquium will be meeting this fall on Friday's from 12:30pm - 1:30pm.

If you're interested in speaking let Daniel Gulbrandsen know!

Data Science Club @UWM

The DSC@UWM will meet this Fall on several Fridays throughout the semester. This year they have a diverse set of presenters spanning the fields of
Reminders for Instructors

Fall 2021 Policies and Procedures Instructor Memo

If you haven't done so yet, please take a look at the Policies & Procedures Memo. Located under "Policies and Procedures for Instructors" → "Instructor Memo".

Lecture Capture

If you intend to record your lectures please contact Classroom Services for more information, using their web form elect "COVID-19 Online Course Migration" then "Lecture Capture" and include any questions or information in the "Comments/notes" section.

Short training videos on some of the aspects of using Mediasite are available in the linked collection (Lecture Capture Video Collection).

If you would feel more comfortable with 1 on 1 training or the provided resources are not sufficient, please fill out a request for "AV Assistance" using this web form. A Teams meeting can be setup for this service with one of Classroom Services technicians in the specified classroom, with multiple users viewing remotely.

Class Coverage Procedure
If you are unable to teach a class session during the semester, you must email your course coordinator or department chair as soon as possible and notify them of your situation and discuss coverage of the material missed and/or having another instructor teach your class.

If class will be canceled, email the MathSci office, mathstaff@uwm.edu, as soon as possible, and they will post a sign outside of your classroom door.

You are expected to email your class on any updates to the teaching schedule. You can email your students/class roster through PAWS and Canvas.

**Online Request Forms**

*Room Request Form:*

Please use the Room Request Form when you need to use a classroom or computer lab on campus and you do not already have a standing reservation (i.e. for a class). Office staff will receive your request and contact you via email with a confirmation.

Please contact Kim if you have questions.

*Event Request Form:*

Please use the Event Request Form for all Departmental sponsored events, talks, etc. This form is required in order for you to receive Departmental funding and/or promotional support for guest speakers, graduate dissertations/theses, seminars, colloquia, and so on.

Please note that it is mandatory that event forms be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event. Without the proper amount of time, we will be unable to accommodate your request.

If you require special use of a Departmental or campus owned classroom or computer lab, you must first complete the Room Request Form and receive reservation confirmation from the main office before completing the Event Request Form.

Please contact Kim or Ceceilia if you have questions.

*Travel Information Request Form:*

For any requests involving travel, be sure to use the Travel Information Request Form. Please send the link to any guests who are traveling to the university.

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**Travel**
Be sure to review the updated travel information email Katie sent on September 7, 2021. Please contact Katie before any travel and if you have any travel related questions, including reimbursement. For travel approval, go to BPLogix for your Travel & Miscellaneous Expense Approval (TMEA) form. The Travel Approval Request (TAR) paper form has been removed and is no longer accepted. For travel reimbursement: E-Reimbursement Login.

Payroll Information

2021 Bi-Weekly Pay Schedule

Information on the university transition to Bi-Weekly Payroll.

Graduate Students

Graduate Handbook:

The Department of Mathematical Sciences has created and posted a Graduate Handbook for Current Graduate Students. The updated handbook will be posted soon.

If you have questions, please contact the Associate Chair for the Graduate Program Jeb Willenbring.

International Students:

- Be sure to enter your immigration and history information into Glacier’s self-service application online. In order to receive your awards, you are required to have an account in Glacier. If you haven’t already, you will receive instructional emails from UWHRAadministration@uwsa.edu and support@online-tax.net. These emails will also contain the web link, login and password you will need to access Glacier. Be sure to check your spam inbox as well!
- If you have not already made an appointment to receive your Social Security card, please do this as soon as possible. Contact isss@uwm.edu for questions regarding this process.
- Once you have enrolled in the university health insurance, you can contact CleAngelia Huewitt (chuewitt@uwm.edu) to have the International Health Insurance fee removed from your PAWS account.

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