Dear Members of the Faculty and Staff,

You received an email Tuesday (included below) that announced the addition of two new course types, Web Remote and Web Hybrid, for the spring 2021 schedule. After receiving feedback from faculty, to reduce confusion and allow for a wider range of remote options, we have modified the definition of Web Remote (in bold below). The Registrar will be sending course schedulers, department chairs, and deans instructions with additional details about utilizing the new course schedule types. As previously indicated, the use of the Web Remote option as well as any courses moved to Web Online will require the approval of the dean.

Revised definition of Web Remote (WR): Instruction is delivered remotely. Web-conferencing (Zoom) is delivered at the times listed in the schedule. (PAWS statement: These courses meet remotely (online) during the scheduled times and do not require on-campus meetings unless otherwise specified.)

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Dear Members of the Faculty and Staff:

Public health conditions for spring 2021 semester remain uncertain. At this time, we assume that the University campuses will remain open, but that it is likely that the threat from COVID-19 may still be significant. We think it wise then to construct the schedule of classes anticipating that social distancing will still be necessary. Consequently, to better identify course delivery modalities for the spring 2021 term, we are adding two additional course schedule options. For spring only, the option of Web Hybrid (WH) should be used for traditional courses (formerly listed as Web Enhanced WE) that are being delivered on campus but with a cohort model for attendance.

Additionally, an option for Web Remote (WR) will be available. These courses (also listed as WE for the fall term) meet at the scheduled times but do so remotely and do not require on-campus attendance. The use of the WR designation will require the approval of the respective dean but neither category will require Curriculum Action process approval. Descriptions of the available codes for spring (excluding activity courses and College of Medicine courses) are listed below (new codes are in bold):

Web Enhanced (WE): at least 85% instruction face-to-face. Does not include cohort model attendance. (PAWS statement: These courses meet at the scheduled times on campus.)

Web Hybrid (WH): WE but with cohort model attendance. (PAWS statement: These courses meet on campus at the scheduled times, but you will be assigned to a group and will attend alternating, in-class sessions.)
Web Remote (WR): at least 85% instruction delivered remotely through webconferencing (Zoom) but only at the times listed in the schedule. (PAWS statement: These courses meet remotely (online) during the scheduled times and do not require on-campus meetings unless otherwise specified.)

Web Blended (WB): online + 16% to 84 % face-to-face. (PAWS statement: These courses meet at the scheduled times on campus and have an additional online component.)

Web Online (WO): at least 85% online and, generally, with no scheduled class times. (PAWS statement: These courses meet online only, unless otherwise specified.)

As was the case for the fall 2020 term, faculty who have an elevated risk for medical complications from a COVID-19 infection as determined by the CDC, or who reside with such persons, may request to teach virtually (WR or WO) for spring 2021. These requests should be directed to the appropriate department chair and will require the approval of the dean.

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