



“Our Finest Hour”
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Good second-day-back from Extended Spring Break.

Our Post was posted earlier this afternoon. I am actually beginning to get somewhat comfortable with long distance communication via written communiques. And I have invented (but not yet patented) an iPhone Zoom Positioning Device, or IPZPD. Takes three short pieces of scrap cedar and four nails to assemble. Position your iPhone on the IPZPD and Zoom away. It captures you from a 10-degree angle down in lieu of the 90-degree nostril view so many have chosen to employ.

Back to business. I met with the Deputy Provost's EPP secondary representatives at 8 o'clock and then the COE leadership team at 9 o'clock this morning. DESE is still struggling with a number of compliance issues. As soon as we can get resolution, we will forward information your way.

The big issue right now is how to move forward with conviction in a time of uncertainty. Jef and Barri volunteered to draft a policy focused on course delivery regardless of environmental conditions. We will finish the spring 2020 semester valiantly and provide a robust online summer session featuring our most talented online instructors. The fall 2020 term will be fully operational, but no one can predict at this point whether it will be traditional, online, or some combination. Ergo, I asked department heads to begin planning for each scenario. Will vet a draft policy with the FAC and LC before the end of April and then send your way for review and comment.

Please take a little time to read today's Post. It includes some uplifting stories. Think we are all learning how inextricably interwoven into the human condition we have become. Embrace all that is good, reach out to help others, and always remember how valuable you are.

Keep calm and read today's Post,

David