



“Our Finest Hour” May 6, 2020

Good afternoon COE,

Apparently, the weather and the coronavirus are still the conversational topics of choice. While we don't have any control over the former, we do (believe it or not) have much influence over the latter. Per the University's messages that were released yesterday, we can now develop our “return” policy for COE. I have been drafting ideas for several days in anticipation of the May 11, 2020, target date to begin an incremental return procedure. Will share these ideas with the LC tomorrow morning for discussion and revision before sharing with COE folk on Friday, May 8th. As soon as we can schedule an FAC meeting, I will seek feedback and make any revisions based on input from that group. The plan needs to be fluid, so we can meet changing guidelines and orders going forward.

Our plan will meet University guidelines that follow Springfield / Greene County guidelines and orders. It will reflect a thoughtful, strategic process that is incremental and careful. The goal is to meet individual and group needs while maintaining safety for all. If you would like to attend tomorrow's LC and participate in this discussion, please let Sharon know so she can send you the Zoom link.

Now, back to the weather.: “There will be a gradual darkening trend towards evening with a gradual lightening trend towards morning” (George Carlin, 1971). All I can say is it is spring in the Ozarks. Plan accordingly, which means you can't plan. Oh well,

Take care, all. Thanks for the terrific job this spring. Please join LC tomorrow if you'd like and look for a COE Return to Campus Plan day after tomorrow, i.e., Friday.

Keep Calm & Spring On,

David