



“Our Finest Hour”
May 27, 2020

Good “hump day” to all. Actually, days don’t seem to have the same, unique characteristics we used to give them. One day seems to be pretty much like another, i.e., rain, work from home, rain, work from home, rain, (you get the idea).

Last Friday (used to be TGIF), I sent you the *COE Reopening Plan*. It is now posted on the COE web, and we are poised to begin the gradual, incremental reopening of administrative offices over the next three months. Please remember to consult the *Plan* on our web as needed, since any changes that might be made will be reflected therein. Also, be looking in a week or two for a University update on reopening schedules for buildings on campus. Individual office openings, like the COE Plan, will be different from the building openings, per se. David Hall and the Core Executive Team working around the clock to effect reopening plans should be commended. Nicely done, all.

We are monitoring course enrollments at the program level very closely. The good news is that some summer and fall 2020 graduate programs and graduate certificate programs are actually up. This is terrific, and I thank all those faculty and staff who have participated in the various recruitment activities over the past two years that have produced this positive result. Nicely done, gang.

During the June Board of Governors meeting, Provost Einhellig will discuss several recruitment initiatives and outcomes across the colleges. You may have received the May 2020 issue of the *Missouri State Magazine* in which our **Bear in Every Building** program was featured. Soon after that publication was released, we began receiving calls and emails from alums across Missouri who wanted to become a Bear in their building. With almost 1,000 Bears in buildings now, and more joining every day, this program is rapidly becoming our most rigorous recruitment strategy. I expect the BOG will be thrilled to hear this update. Rhonda Bishop and all the folk who have worked so hard on this effort over the past year have done a terrific job. Again, nicely done.

Keep Calm and Recruit On,

David