

Open Forum 2.18.21

Today's open forum received over 10 pages of questions – to get all questions answered, we consolidated them into key themes. If a specific question is not answered today, please ask your chairs and deans. They know many of the questions you are asking. If they do not, they will ask and get back to you.

Our number one priority is the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff. All decisions are driven by this priority. Another key factor in our decisions is pedagogy and student needs. All planning today will allow faculty time to prepare for fall classes. As many of you are aware, this is a fluid, ever-changing situation.

Once decisions are made, we will communicate this out to the campus community. For fall 2020 and spring 2021 we did regularly communicate to faculty on campus what they needed to know. Enrollment Services let students know what to expect as well. Going forward we will utilize all channels to get messages out. For the rest of the campus, we will continue sending out messaging to faculty, staff, and students on a regular basis.

At this point, there really is no magic number for how much will be in person or in AMI. We are optimistically planning/estimating for up to a 50% space capacity model, which would allow for every other seat room occupation (with face masks). If this does not allow for 6 feet of social distancing and is not determined to be safe by public health as we near the start of fall semester, then the course may either transition to a smaller number of on-campus participants, or transition to AMI.

Information related to office spaces:

We have opened a faculty office submission form – it will continue into Fall 2021.

In essence, faculty can apply for discrete periods of time in their office on a weekly basis for teaching, RSCA, or service (i.e., T/Th 8-12). Currently, we do not anticipate full time return to offices.

Faculty would be responsible for cleaning off surfaces touched prior to departure.

We are beginning this planning now, and we would appreciate your feedback. Re-population may not be the same for all areas and may depend on the need for work to be completed on campus, and the needs of the campus (i.e., may need more advising and learning support on campus to assist students on campus, but still need online support for those students that remain AMI). Rotating the space or using plexiglass to separate spaces are options.

ORSP plans to restart faculty research according to the 4 tiers used by public health:

<https://www.csulb.edu/office-of-research-and-sponsored-programs/article/update-guiding-a-color-coded-tiered-approach-to>

The Library has been responsive to meeting the resource needs of faculty and students using the locker system. They are working with BBS to determine if they can partially open in a safe manner for study and research.

A great deal of information is on websites across the campus. The COVID-19 Reuniting the Beach site is regularly updated as well as our Academic Continuity site.

Teaching modes for fall:

Different colleges have different plans on how to meet limited re-population parameters. Check with your chair and Dean’s office.

20-01 Policy on Online and Hybrid Instruction | California State University, Long Beach (csulb.edu)

If faculty determine that more revision is needed based on our recent AMI experiences, the Senate would be happy to consider re-opening the policy. Any faculty interested in technology should also consider joining FACT.

If the faculty determined that the curriculum can be met with high quality in an online or hybrid format, then faculty are encouraged to continue developing their courses and programs to either transition to these formats, or to offer an additional option for students to achieve their goals in addition to F2F teaching.

If the faculty determines that face-to-face instruction is important for pedagogical reasons, we want to support this transition back to campus. We are confident that we can meet safety guidelines while still opening the campus to a larger (but not normal) density.

We should be able to create BeachBoard course shells (known as BeachBoard organizations) for Library faculty, who are not teaching regularly scheduled classes. Shariq Ahmed will send this information to the library faculty. <https://www.csulb.edu/academic-technology-services/beachboard-support/request-forms/form/request-an-academically-related>

This was created for spring 2021 and will continue for fall 2021.

NEW INSTRUCTION MODE DESCRIPTION
Online Synchronous
Online Asynchronous
Synchronous/Asynchronous Online
Hybrid (Face to Face & Online)
Face to Face - On Campus
Face to Face - Off Campus

We are in the process of determining how we can move computers that are within the current computer labs and move them to other spaces that will allow for social distancing. This includes the option of

potentially opening some of the Spidell labs. We are also looking at options to put tents up with dedicated Wi-Fi on campus for students with computers that need to zoom in between classes.

Hy-flex classes

Hy-Flex allows for simultaneous on-campus and online teaching using advance technology. If you are interested in using a hy-flex room, have your chair notify your Dean's office.

Faculty will have limited access to offices, and to zoom rooms. Students will have access to computer labs and outdoor spaces.

Students are expected to participate in any synchronous activities and office hours during our time zone. If faculty can also offer at least 1 office hour during an alternative time zone that would be easier for our international students to access, it would be appreciated (but not required).

Health answers

We will follow public health guidelines at the time the semester starts. We anticipate that those guidelines will change (specifically regarding social distancing) when a larger percentage of the population becomes vaccinated. But if it does not, we will change our plans to ensure that guidelines are met to ensure the safety and welfare of our campus population.

EHS has developed specific protocols to prepare buildings for repopulation that include: flushing the building with fresh air, increasing the efficiency of filtration systems, conducting enhanced cleaning followed by conducting enhanced disinfection of all rooms/spaces within the building. Social distancing is still required per current health protocols, but we anticipate that might change by fall. If 6 feet of social distancing is still recommended by public health, we will enforce that guideline.

We will still limit access to campus. All coming on campus will need to continue filling out the campus safety questionnaire, and COVID training. Our campus will increase ventilation filtration, enforce social distancing, mandate face coverings, as well as frequently clean/disinfect used spaces.

Violations regarding face covering/social distancing, etc. can be reported to student conduct using COVID safety line 562 985-1900 and is being handled through established disciplinary procedures. If there is a physical altercation, UP can be called.