Fall 2021 Planning Subgroup Report

STUDENTS

I. Subgroup Membership

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  Associate Dean/Director

II. Guidelines and Resources

- https://www.greenvillenc.gov/government/police
- https://www.greenvillenc.gov/
- https://humanresources.ecu.edu/student-employment/
- https://gradschool.ecu.edu/assistantship-administration/
- https://career.ecu.edu/
- https://ecu.joinhandshake.com/
- https://music.ecu.edu/som-covid-reopening-guide/
- https://osrr.ecu.edu
- https://returnofpiratenation.ecu.edu
- https://www.ecu.edu/PRR/11/30/01/
- https://www.greenvillenc.gov/government/police
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III. Summary of Key Recommendations

The Student Subgroup meet weekly over two months to work through each of the topics listed below. The topics were assigned to smaller working groups that included subgroup leaders as well as the campus experts to develop the following summaries and detailed recommendations. All the summary recommendations below will follow current CDC, State, local, and ECU guidelines, maintain current levels of sanitizing and cleaning, and return to pre-COVID levels of operation for the fall.

Dining and Food Service
- Dining and food service operations would reduce indoor seating while expanding outdoor opportunities.
- Dining halls and retail locations would be limited access based on COVID risk levels on campus and would service specific communities such as residential students and commuters based on their locations.

Residence Halls
- Current residential capacities would include double and single occupancy, while there is space saved for COVID related housing.
- If needed, access and public spaces would be restricted to de-densify the environment and could include shelter-in-place for clusters.

Curricular / Co-Curricular Student Facilities
- Facility capacities will return to traditional levels but can and will be reduced if needed to respond to changes in COVID levels.
- Each area will have specific guides, considering the diversity of facilities such performing arts venues, libraries, ballrooms, recreation areas, labs, etc...

Student Employees and Graduate Assistants
- Due to the prolonged time with limited, if any, student employees, it is recommended that a great emphasis is placed on recruitment and job fairs for traditional student workers, work study students, and graduate assistants.
- Any reductions after hiring for Fall 2021 should include aggressive attempts to re-assign and/or telework students and GAs or repeat the 2020 ECU decision to allow students to be paid for short-term work loss.

Student Organizations and Events
- While student organizations and their events will return to traditional levels, on campus events must complete the COVID-19 Risk Form (managed by the coordinating reservations office) and masks will be encouraged.
• If the university is forced to change then events and organizations will return to reduced event capacities and blended programs and all health and cleaning supplies will not be charged to student organizations.

Off-Campus Activities & Travel
• Masks, social distancing, and other public health protocols may be required indoors at sorority and fraternity houses during recruitment based on guidance from local and campus public health officials, Student Involvement and Leadership, and the Student Organization’s national headquarters, when applicable.
• Student travel should occur for reasons connected to ECU related or sponsored activities with approval from appropriate university academic units or campus departments and approval for student travel will be granted with guidance from the public health groups.

Student Office Visits
• Campus offices will continue to operate at traditional levels in the fall but will also work to blending virtual services with very limited teleworking as needed, in the hopes to help de-densify the office environment.
• If COVID risk levels increase, all operations will move to virtual operations and staff will increase remote work if they do not have existing private offices that social distancing.

Student Conduct
• Student organizations will continue to follow the ECU Student Code of Conduct, local and state, as well as university policies both on and off-campus, enforced by Student Rights & Responsibilities, ECUPD, and GPD.
• Greek housing operations should be determined with guidance from national organization and state and local housing corporation with recommendations from the ECU’s Department of Student Engagement.