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To: Faculty <faculty@groups.csusb.edu>
Subject: Faculty Announcement: Spring 2022

Dear Faculty,

I hope you had a wonderful and relaxing holiday break filled with peace and good health. As President Morales communicated earlier today, population density on our campus will be minimized during the Omicron surge by shifting spring instruction to a mostly virtual modality through Feb. 18. Provided below is additional faculty-specific information related to this temporary instructional shift.

In-person instruction: While the vast majority of classes will be taught online, some classes (e.g., science labs, studio arts) may continue to be taught in person. Please check with your dean to confirm the status of your classes.

Office/lab use: Faculty may use their office as they normally would and are welcome to teach (virtually) from the classrooms they have been assigned. Faculty may also continue to use on-campus research facilities, including labs, provided approved COVID-19 safety protocols are followed. (NOTE: The university is currently in the process of obtaining N95 masks. These will be distributed to science labs first.)

Canvas: For those of you who did not teach last semester, please note that Canvas is the default learning management system for the Spring 2022 semester. Faculty can still get Blackboard sites by sending a request to their departmental administrative support coordinators. ATI is offering live webinars introducing Canvas every day this week; a schedule of this week's webinars is attached. These will also repeat the week of Jan. 31 (the second week of classes); for registration information, please watch for an email announcement from ATI Director Bradford Owen. ATI will also post videos with the content of each of the webinars the week of Jan. 17 on its [Canvas Resources website](#).

Synchronous Online Teaching Webinars: ATI will also offer live webinars on best practices in synchronous online teaching for new faculty and those who would like a refresher. These will be offered every day next week (Jan. 17-21) from noon-1 p.m. For registration information, please watch for an email announcement from ATI Director Bradford Owen.

Student/faculty resources: Our Laptop Lending program remains strong. Laptops and hotspots are available at both campuses for students to check out through the library (<https://www.csusb.edu/library/services/computers-library/laptop-lending>). Makeup testing continues to be offered at both campuses through Academic Success and Undergraduate Advising (Undergraduate Studies). Contact Cara-Marie Pham via email at cpham@csusb.edu or by phone at 909.537.3057 to schedule.

Thank you for your continued flexibility and support of our students. And stay safe during this highly contagious period of the pandemic.

Best,
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