

Hello Folks,

I know we're still riding the waves of quarantine navigation in the schools and case rates in the community. My hope for all of you is that you and your loved ones remain negative (how's that for positive thinking?), and that you keep rockin' those amazing masks.

**Personnel improvements continue:**

We are excited to announce that a [Tenure and Promotion Resources Sharepoint site](#) has been added to the Provost's Office policies and procedures website. It includes the recording of our August 27, 2021 tenure and promotion training workshop, as well as a transcript of the chat, links to our confidentiality agreement, and our Interfolio User Guide. It also connects with the [Tenure and Promotion Tools Library Guide](#) that Dean Kaetrena Kendrick created.

The **ad-hoc Personnel Policies committee**, ably led by Jo Koster, continues working on policy and procedure improvement recommendations to bring to completion the proposals from the Task Force on Tenure and Promotion. Expect to hear from them as we return to the conversation regarding how we use student evaluations in our faculty evaluation procedures.

**Career Readiness QEP development is picking up steam:**

The QEP Implementation Committee has been busy preparing our QEP implementation plan to share with the campus community. A lot of peripheral activity is happening to prepare us for improvements in this area. The Center for Career Development and Internships has extended the deadline for the internships survey to September 30<sup>th</sup>. For those of you who work directly overseeing internships in the colleges, your feedback is much appreciated. If you have not yet completed it, the link to the survey is found [here](#). Stay tuned for future updates on the areas we will focus our attention on in the coming years to improve student readiness for new economy career paths.

**MUSC B2B (Back2Business) Wellness Resources:**

Every quarter, MUSC shares with us a collection of resources responding to where we are in navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. Today, I am sharing with you the pages on mental health from the most recent playbook. The Top 12 Tips to Relieve COVID 19 Stress are spot on. For me this week, **#2 Set time aside to breathe** and **#12 Write it out** have the most resonance. When I can hear my blood pressure pulsing in my ears, deep breaths bring me back to my core. When I feel like tasks are spiraling out of control, nothing helps more than creating a list. I also feel grounded when I carve out time to write a Friday Feature! I hope you find something helpful in the attached pages. Please do note the copyright statement on page 2. All credit for these materials goes to MUSC.

I hope you are all hanging in there. We are still in the early weeks, and by all accounts, our students and faculty are doing their valiant best to stay safe and stay focused on learning. I attended the exhibit openings in the Rutledge and McLaurin galleries last night and was thrilled to see students doing a screenprinting exercise and giving away cotton bags with positive, inclusive statements on them. I really appreciated their statement that we are bettertogether! I agree wholeheartedly.



Have a great weekend,

Adrienne