August 18, 2020

Student Leaders and Advisors,

First, we are excited to share a new partnership with an alumni-owned business in Waco called Hole in the Roof. They are creating custom student organization face coverings with your logo, slogan, or organization colors! And, for every custom face covering purchased, they are donating a Baylor mask to local non-profits to help #KeepWacoSafe. Explore your options HERE.

Second, the event submission process is officially open now to begin requesting meetings and events. We anticipate the new health and safety guidelines for hosting experiences on campus will mean that many events will require more time than usual for an official decision. Thank you for your patience as our staff works through the updated guidelines to complete reviews as quickly as possible.

You may also continue to submit student organization event questions if you need specific guidance about your planned meetings or events. Our team has selected some of the questions submitted by Student Organization leaders this weekend and provides answers below:

Will we be allowed to host virtual interest meetings before September 7th?
Yes! Virtually meetings can begin on August 24th.

When planning on-campus events will there be a way to know the capacity of each available room or space?
Yes! Most rooms on campus have an updated capacity that is posted on our event request forms. Student Activities is working to identify commonly used spaces to post capacities for your convenience in the coming weeks.

Can we play sports and host tryout this fall with our student organizations?
Student Activities is partnering with Campus Recreation to develop guidelines for on-campus sports and events that involve athletic activity. More information will be published in the coming week.

Will we be able to have interest booths/tables in outdoor locations on campus this semester?
We know how important it is for student organizations and campus partners to table throughout the semester. Tabling will be available outside the Bill Daniel Student Center starting September 7th. Masks and social distancing guidelines will be required for these activities.

Will all building be open for meetings?
With the expanded academic schedule to accommodate for smaller class sizes, room selection will be more limited. Baylor has reserved three large spaces exclusively for student organization use in the evening including the Barfield Drawing Room to maximize opportunities for meeting space.

I cannot overstate the importance of your organization refraining from large gatherings either on or off campus. Your partnership in helping Baylor successfully navigate the fall semester, including the many important traditions that mark the student experience, is critical. Please follow the prevention guidelines when gathering in small groups – wear face coverings, maintain safe social distance, wash your hands, know and monitor the symptoms, and don’t attend any gathering in person if you are sick. This will help us preserve the experiences and connection your organizations will facilitate for an especially meaningful impact this year.

Please let us know how we can support you to lead well!

Sincerely,

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