

Commendation for Essential Personnel on Binghamton University's Campus

Binghamton University continues with week four of the state's work-from-home mandate. The Faculty Senate wishes to recognize and thank the hundreds of essential personnel whose jobs require taking extra risks by coming to campus. They include:

- Physical Facilities staff cleaning buildings, maintaining essential systems, completing repairs and managing mail,
- Human Resources staff processing various payrolls, benefits, fielding employee issues/concerns, and managing the new processes that come down daily from SUNY Central,
- Information Technology Systems employees managing all of our systems,
- University Police Officers every day,
- Staff from the Office of Emergency Management,
- Environmental Health & Safety staff,
- Decker Health Center staff working on rotations,
- Binghamton University Dining Service personnel,
- Residential Life live-in staff and central office personnel,
- Dean of Students personnel engaged in case management, off-campus services and other essential activities,
- EAP personnel rotating,
- Auxiliary Services central office staff,
- Health Promotion and Prevention Services personnel,
- Vice President of Student Affairs staff, and
- Research Division staff conducting research compliance, equipment maintenance, and animal care.

Faculty Senate also wishes to recognize and thank essential staff from Academic Affairs who also are working on campus to maintain academic continuity:

- Communication and Marketing staff disseminating news and information related to coronavirus, including campus response and health information.
- Global Affairs staff working with international students on visa, insurance and other issues, preparing I20s for admitted students, and monitoring education abroad issues.
- Center for Learning and Teaching staff helping faculty and students with remote instruction issues, partnering with ITS to provide students with technology, and preparing for extension of online instruction into the summer.
- Provost Office staff maintaining the Academic Affairs operations.
- Business Office staff handling refunds, invoicing, budgeting, new policies, and other business operation-related matters.
- Admissions, Financial Aid, and Student Records staff processing mailings to students.

And, thanks to any other essential workers not mentioned above. To all staff who support our instructional efforts, we honor you.

All of these people continue to serve the health and safety of the students who remain on campus as well as those with remote connections who still require campus services. They are ensuring that when the entire community returns to campus, they will find operational buildings, functional labs, and safe and clean spaces. Even with all precautions, they and their families stand at greater risk of contracting COVID-19. The Faculty Senate honors their service and urges all instructional personnel to follow all guidance that will keep these essential community members as safe as possible.

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