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Dear Denver Campus MSW Students;

I write to address questions and the evolving nature of the Fall 2021 course schedule for Denver Campus course offerings. The following provides information on the student and faculty input process, evolving public health guidance for higher education, and next steps for finalizing the Fall 2021 schedule:

Student and Faculty Input

- We gathered Winter Quarter Evaluation data regarding student feedback that is course specific across the following (1) effectiveness of course in online modality, (2) priority for on-campus course, and (3) extending the length of class beyond 90 minutes for Denver Campus, Four Corners, and Western Colorado programs. (MSW@Denver is not included, as their program is fully structured as online and for 90 minutes in most courses.)
- Faculty assigned to teach courses are being consulted on their course length to incorporate their teaching expertise on course content and pedagogy.
- Faculty are also reviewing the asynchronous materials that were developed over the last year and their contributions to learning in order to determine which materials should be retained.

Evolving Public Health Guidance

- The current schedule has “place holders” of time, based on the 90-90 formula due to the public health guidance and social distancing requirements for in-person learning that were in place when we initially built the schedule in March.
- Since we built the schedule, public health guidance has changed regarding the length of safe exposure time and physical distancing:
 - New DU and public health guidance anticipates that we can now offer longer classes, and have a 3 foot physical distance requirement.

Next Steps

- Given this evolving public health guidance, the Denver Campus Task Force is meeting this week to consider the data from the student evaluations and faculty input, and make changes to course length as needed.
- *Courses will start at the same time they are posted now, but may have longer course lengths.*
- We aim to notify everyone by May 11, before registration begins on May 12, 2021.

Thank you for your continued patience as public health guidance evolves and we sort through the data and finalize the Fall 2021 schedule.

If you want to connect, please feel free to visit Academic Affairs open office hours, every Monday and Thursday, 11am-12 pm <https://udenver.zoom.us/j/98092628252>

Wishing you all the best as we wrap up the spring quarter in the coming weeks,

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