

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: COVID-19 contingency planning, Seidel**

**SESSION TYPE:**

- Work Session
- Education Session
- Information Item
- Other:  
[Committee of the Whole – Items for Approval]

**APPLIES TO STRATEGIC PLAN:**

- Yes (select below):
  - Driving Excellence
  - Inspiring Students
  - Impacting Communities
  - High-Performing University
- No [Regular Business]

*Attachments are provided with the narrative—refer to Supplemental Materials Report.*

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

In ongoing mitigation efforts against the COVID-19 pandemic and in consideration of the developing concerns around variants of the virus, UW administration has drafted a fall COVID-19 plan. The Board will receive a brief update on UW's efforts to help mitigate the spread of the virus, which includes the implementation of a contingency plan for the fall 2021 semester.

**PRIOR RELATED BOARD DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS:**

At its May 2020 meeting, the Board authorized a preliminary plan to open the university campus for the Fall 2020 semester. At its July 2020 meeting, the Board moved to authorize modification to the university's plan to restart campus, to require face coverings, and allow administration to make further modifications to campus plans related to COVID-19 without Board approval. At its March 2021 meeting, the Board passed a resolution directing the university president authority to reopen the university campus consistent with health policy guidelines and directives of the state and federal governments with regard to COVID-19. At its May 2021 meeting, the Board moved to not mandate COVID-19 vaccines, to follow CDC guidance with regard to social distancing and facial coverings, and sunset the university's mandatory surveillance program as of June 30, 2021.

**WHY THIS ITEM IS BEFORE THE BOARD:**

Continued updates on UW's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**ACTION REQUIRED AT THIS BOARD MEETING:**

Board approval, disapproval or modification of the 2021 Fall Campus COVID-19 Plan.

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

I move to approve the 2021 Fall Campus COVID-19 Plan as presented to the Board.

**PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:**