

## Special Edition: Coronavirus Communication 32

April 22, 2020

Good Evening:

I am looking forward to seeing you tomorrow at the All-Employee College Meeting at 3 p.m. We will be covering some great topics to keep the College informed. Please remember that you will be able to ask questions during the session.

I am told that today's What's Up Wednesday went well. Please remember that they will take place for the next two Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for 15 minutes. I have attached a few pictures I received from our very first one. One was the virtual background winner. It looks like the meet and greet was the place to be.

This afternoon, the Board of Trustees (BOT) committee meetings took place virtually. The meetings give Board members time to review the materials and ask critical questions of College administration. You will get a preview of Monday's BOT Meeting agenda items tomorrow during the All-Employee College Meeting.

I spent time today preparing for Friday's virtual State Legislative Summit. The goal is to ensure that our legislators understand the nuances of MCC's budget and the need to minimize fiscal impact as we work together to keep this region sustained.

This afternoon I also attended the weekly Michigan Community College Association Presidents Meeting. The guest this week was State Senator Jim Stamas. He shared with the group his thoughts about the State budget situation due to the pandemic and the importance of keeping community college budgets minimally impacted. He was very encouraging during the meeting as we discussed how the State should move forward with education and training being a key factor.

The Presidents also discussed the CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund for both students and the institutions. New guidelines for disbursing the student half of the funding have been distributed by the Department of Education, and are now very stringent. I will be meeting with the MCC Team tomorrow morning who have been working diligently to create the College plan for disbursement. The College will take a step back to understand the new guidelines and attend the scheduled webinars before we access the funding. The institutional half of the funding guidelines have changed from what was predicted by higher education associations. I will be working to gather how we can maximize the use of the funding with the current stringent guidelines.

Tomorrow, Senior Computing Support Tech, Zach Stone, will share the summary of the MCC COVID-19 Team activity. If you remember, I put together a cross-functional team of employees to meet daily to coordinate and share information about our college response. You will get a

deeper dive during the meeting from Zach of Team activity, but I wanted to share the below report of students and employees who have self-reported that they have been exposed to COVID-19, tested positive for COVID - 19, or experienced COVID-19 symptoms.

**As of April 21, 2020**

Total cases reported to the Department of Public Safety: 39

13 of those cases were employees

26 of those cases were students

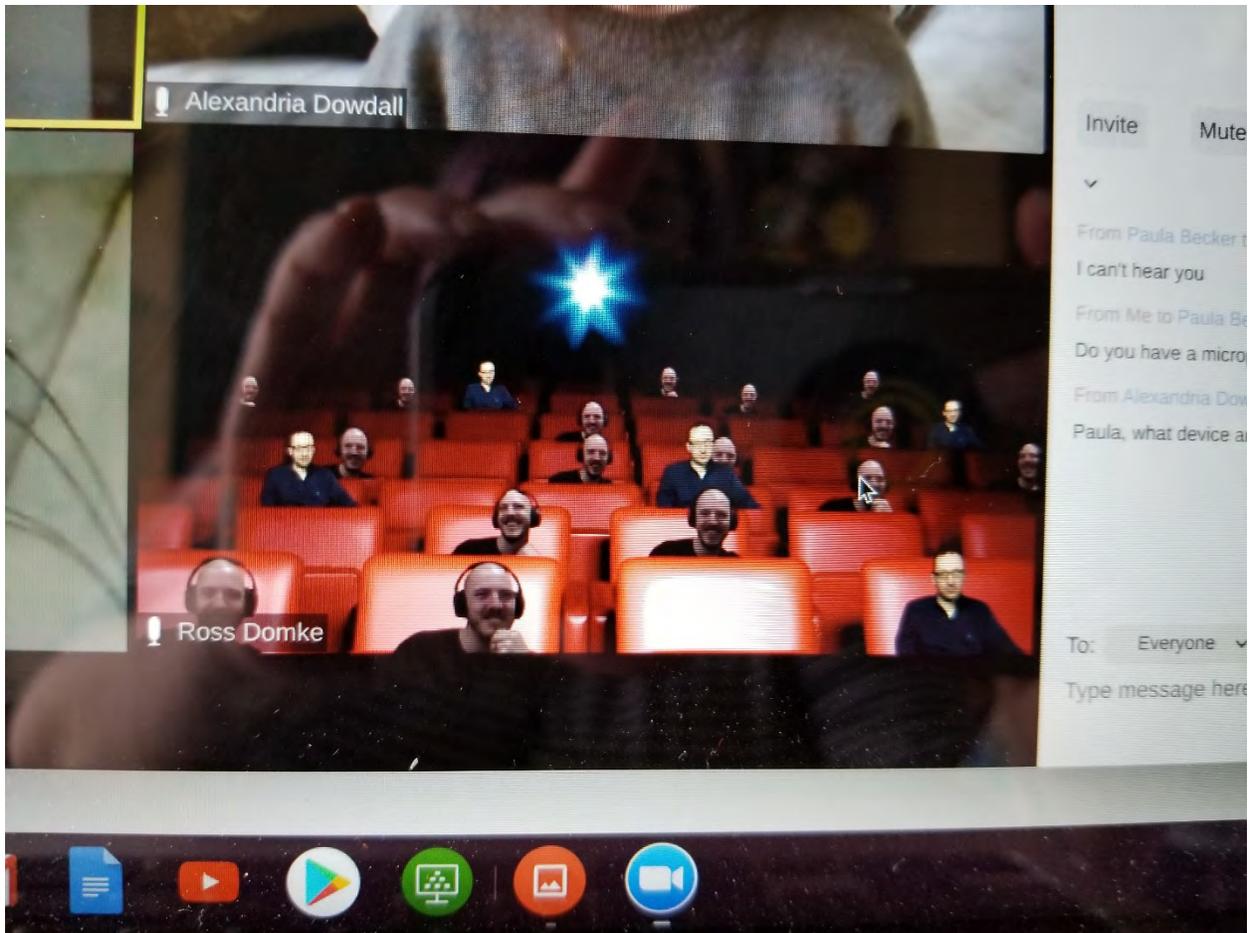
I just watched an ice storm from my window roll in that coated everything. Please be careful if you go out tonight. I am sure it is slick. Better yet, stay home and stay safe.

Looking Forward,

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