

Core Facilities Brown Bag
November 5, 2020

Zoom Meeting Recording

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● **VPR Address**

Updates provided on return to campus for students, professional schools and research community. Excellent job keeping infection rate low through social distancing, mask wearing and frequent disinfection.

NU COVID Testing: testing will continue through the holidays. With students no longer on campus after Thanksgiving, additional staff testing will occur.

Cores Performance: the core facilities are largely back in business thanks to the exceptional efforts of the teams. While there is concern over deficits that have built up during the slowdown and return to work, cores are encouraged to focus on current delivery of services at this time.

Question and Answer Period

● **Overall Core Performance**

Based on feedback, the Cores are overwhelmingly fully operational with minor to moderate workarounds with a few cases of issues that need to be addressed. Currently the Cores are at FY19 beginning-of-year levels which demonstrate what great a job the facilities are doing.

● **Announcements**

- **Visitors:** generally must follow the policies and guidelines put in place for Chicago and Evanston. Remember, **Risk Management will take 48 hours to review a visitor request.** Note, if there is an emergency or time constraint and deadline, contact Andy Ott or Milan Mrksich instead of Risk Management. [Risk Management Visitor Site](#)
- **Equipment Grants:** ReLODE and Grant Program.
 - 29 proposals totaling \$2,000,000.
 - ~\$1.2 million available for funding through this process.
 - One round of funding this year.
- **Purchase:** if there is a purchase with the end of your quote (that requires a PO for pricing), inform Andy as he will be reviewing the quotes. These will receive notification first to ensure the work is done so pricing is secure.
- **Box EOL:** Box is retiring. NUIT and ORIT will consider new location options such as OneDrive and RDSS. To help CFA gauge assistance needs complete survey at: [Core Box EOL](#)
- **CFA Staffing:** Yan Qui Aaron Rosen as the Senior Financial Analyst. Her start date is December 1st.

● **Contactless Training using TeamViewer(Dina Arvanitis)**

Presentation starts at **37:53** of recorded video. Note that UltraVNC is also supported by the LabIT Core. Contact Andy if you are interested.