Information #1. Tony provided an update on the Return to Campus activities

1. There will be communication coming out next week regarding the restricted access to the tunnels. Access is limited to those with accessibility needs and those who need to perform work. The restrictions are due to challenges with ensuring proper ventilation. There is a project underway to increase ventilation but supply chain issues have delayed the work. FMP indicates that the tunnels will likely not be open during the winter. Additional snow removal personnel have been retained to make sure that all paths receive priority to handle the additional pedestrian traffic. FMP put salt down even as early as November 2, 2021. Ambassadors are placed at key points to remind people that the tunnels are off limits. The locations for Ambassadors will be adjusted as we go through the Fall.

2. The COVID-19 travel policy has been revised to allow travel for faculty and students for professional development and research. All travel has to be approved by the Dean in consultation with Risk Management in certain cases. There is an understanding that for faculty and students there is a need to travel to ensure that professional development can continue and pathways to student graduation are removed. High COVID rate countries are being discouraged for travel.

3. The CUSP committee provided a report to the Senate regarding winter operations. The goal is to increase in-person class activity. An exercise is taking place to review capacity of classrooms. All capacity restrictions for classes were lifted by the province in September. The University is taking a conservative approach, with the goal of ensuring safe workspaces. The RTC committee is working with Scheduling to make sure spaces still provide substantial physical distancing in each area. The number of students in classrooms will be increased to about 42% capacity, with the labs at about 50% capacity. These new capacities have been submitted to Scheduling. Results will be provided to departments so that scheduling can be confirmed for the Winter schedule. Winter schedule is to be released to students by November 15, 2021.

Questions:

1. **What is the university doing for faculty members with accommodations?** Please have the faculty member reach out to covidinfo@carleton.ca and it will be forwarded to the EHS team for tunnel pass consideration, Campus Safety for parking issues, and HR for any new accommodation requests.

2. **Is travel for staff still restricted?** Travel for staff will be raised at the Return to Campus committee meeting to provide guidelines relating to staff travel.

3. **Concerns that CUASA was not consulted on the new travel exemption checklist.** On this particular form, the JHSC was not notified as would be the normal process, in order to expedite and accommodate numerous requests for imminent faculty travel. The Dean provides approval
for the travel. The Dean will then reach out to the Office of Risk Management if further support is required. The Checklist is designed to be a risk mitigation plan that the traveller should complete. The Office of Risk Management can provide additional support to offset some of the risks with existing supports available.

4. Concerns that CUASA was not consulted and that privacy may have been infringed upon regarding the new vaccination protocols. These processes were not provided to the JHSC CUASA representative. The process was communicated in several different email messages and the process was discussed at the last JHSC COVID Update meeting. There are additional venues for CUASA executive to review issues, including labour management committee, communications to the community and this committee.

5. What is the current vaccination percentage in the community? Updated data sets have just been received. Numbers will be shared with the group once received, via email.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 10:00 AM, Microsoft Teams.

Adjournment