Present: 62 present via Zoom

I. Announcements

New employees that have joined the SOE Team:
Dr. Angus Mungal will start Fall 2020 as a new Leadership Education Faculty member
Kelly Smith Marion transitioned form GA to Development Officer on March 16, 2020

II. Deans Report

- **Thank You**
  Thank you to everyone for responding and transitioning quickly to telecommunicating and moving courses to alternate formats. Everyone has responded positively to the constant communication between the School of Education and students, faculty, and staff.

- **MDE Update**
  Candidates seeking admission to SBE-approved traditional or nontraditional educator preparation program on or before December 31, 2021, are exempt from the educator preparation program entry testing criterion. The exemption extends through the 2021 calendar year to mitigate the impact of a prolonged suspension of candidate testing nationwide.

  Spring 2020 educator licensure candidates no longer need to meet the minimum of 12 weeks of full-day student teaching to become licensed. The MDE will continue to work collaboratively with Education Preparation Providers (EPP) to determine the acceptable experiences necessary for student teachers and demonstration of teaching competency prior to licensure.

- **Local/University Updates**
  Per Governor Reeves, K-12 schools are closed through April 17, 2020. Students are encouraged to contact their clinical instructors/supervisors to see how they can help to connect to their students while these schools are transitioning to learning remotely.

  Continue to check and utilize the links and resources provided by the University. These are located at the top of the School of Education home page. Also, continue to monitor your email daily for updates and information from the SOE and the University.

  Activate your UM Google Account. Google Meet video conferencing is available to all UM faculty as part of the UM Google Suite for Education. A UM Gmail account is required to access this service. Google Meet is a good alternative to Zoom.

III. Department and Office Reports

- **Associate Dean- Amy Wells Dolan**
  SOE Awards Ceremony will continue on May 8 at 4:30pm with an alternate format. A SOE Communications Team has been created to develop the logistics for this event. As of today, UM Graduation has been postponed. If you have students that are disengaged and you have not received contact with them by April 6, please email Dr. Wells Dolan or respond via Google Form Link: [https://forms.gle/sydKCRZZguC2RqeD7](https://forms.gle/sydKCRZZguC2RqeD7)
• **SAFE Office- Dr. Whitney Webb**  
SAFE Office is busy advising via Zoom. UM Registration opens next week. Staff is encouraged with the number of students seeking advisement for the Fall. Advisors continue to move forward with these mission critical tasks.

• **Teacher Education- Dr. Susan McClelland**  
Three Zoom sessions facilitated by Dean Rock and Dr. McClelland were completed last week with Student Teachers/Supervisors/Faculty to communicate information and reassure students, seeking to reduce fears and anxiety.

• **Leadership and Counselor Education- Dr. Ryan Niemeyer**  
Faculty is busy with admissions and interviewing students for the Master’s program. The Counselor Education faculty is holding previously-scheduled admissions interviews during the SOE faculty meeting.

• **Higher Education- Dr. John Holleman**  
Faculty is busy with admissions into all Higher Education Programs.

• **Communications- Andrew Abernathy**  
Working with a communications team to reach and engage students via social media and other activities. Dean Rock completed an Instagram Live session this week with over 100 students participating. Working on getting nominations for Student Awards and rethinking the video recording format for this year’s top awards. Starting a social media campaign the first full week of April for Graduate Student Appreciation Week.

• **Development Office- Billy Crews**  
Hosting a Zoom Session with the SOE Alumni Advisory Board today. We are continuing to move forward with Alumni Awards and develop ways to honor these award winners outside of the traditional awards ceremony.

• **Recruiting- Jacob Ferguson**  
Continuing to use mail, email, social media to recruit and reach potential students. Working with Andrew and the communications team to think creatively in recruiting and keeping in touch with prospective students.

IV. **Book Club**  
Amy Williams will send a Zoom invite for a book club discussion on April 8.

V. **SOE Spring faculty meeting dates**  
April 17, 2020     May 1, 2020