Jo Ann Brasington: Good afternoon and welcome to this virtual town hall to answer questions about returning to campus next week.

I’m Jo Ann Brasington, your host and moderator. My colleague in Marketing and Communications, Dudley Brown, will be monitoring the Q&A channel and will be answering some questions as they come in. This is going to help us make sure everybody’s questions get answered. We have lots of panelists on this town hall because we had lots of good questions. Joining us are panelists Dr. Nayef Samhat, president; Dr. Mike Sosulski, provost; Roberta Hurley Bigger, dean of students; Beth Wallace, associate dean of students and director of the Wellness Center; Lisa Lefebvre, director of employee wellness and medical services; Talicia Murphy, director of student activities and campus life; Brian Lemere, assistant dean of students for residence life; Kay Foster, director of the IT help center; Amy Lancaster, dean of international programs; Curt McPhail, executive director of the career center, and Dr. Carol Wilson, professor of English and coordinator of academic advising.

We will begin with opening remarks from President Samhat followed by pre-submitted questions. We have a lot of questions, but if we have time, we will take live questions. Please use the Q&A feature on your Zoom window. This will last no more than 55 minutes. If you cannot stay for the event, we will post a recording and transcript at Wofford.edu/coronavirus under the Town Hall icon.

Let’s begin.

Nayef Samhat: Thanks Jo Ann, and I hope everyone is well and quarantining yourselves at home in preparation for your return to campus next week. We are really, really eager to welcome you back to campus. Everyone around the college has spent enormous amounts of time during the summer researching, studying and planning and preparation for a semester that will be filled with quite a bit of uncertainty. We know we have a really good plan in place, we’re confident of that plan, it’s been developed with public health guidance as well as input from our neighbors at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. Basically, for all of you returning Terriers, we have one shot at this, just one shot to make it work. If we follow the commitments listed on the WoffordTogether website, then we can have a successful semester on campus. I have a mask that I am happy to wear, and you all need to wear a mask. You need to social distance. You need to avoid large gatherings and practice rigorous hygiene, hand hygiene. If it means we can keep students on campus through Thanksgiving, these are all the things that are well worth doing. Before we begin our questions however, I’d like to offer a special thanks to our student COVID response team. They’ve offered suggestions, tapped into their creativity
and created a social media campaign and other initiatives to encourage the entire student body to do the right thing for all of us, to have a great, successful, exciting semester. Wear a mask. Social distance. Hygiene. So, thanks to their leadership, we look forward to seeing you back on campus next week.

**Question:** How committed is Wofford’s administration to keeping students on campus through the fall semester? What’s the administration’s threshold for positive COVID-19 cases on campus before “pulling the plug?”

**Nayef Samhat:** I would say that we’re pretty darned committed to keeping everyone on campus until Thanksgiving. Students, faculty and staff have all come together to work for this. Students want to be together; we want you back on campus, we want to have as normal an experience as possible under the circumstances. In our area, cases continue to go down because mask ordinances are working. And so, we are prepared and we’re hopeful and we’re depending on all of you to follow the guidelines. But defining a threshold is pretty difficult. In fact, we were talking about that with our friends at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center today. We’re looking at the capacity of the hospital, our own isolation capacity and the results of contact tracing tied to organized Wofford College activities such as classes and other kinds of gatherings. But we can be successful if you wear a mask, social distance, and practice proper hand hygiene.

**Question:** What is the process that a student will follow if they present with symptoms of COVID-19?

**Lisa Lefebvre:** Hi everyone, so starting next week if you’ve not already started, I need for all students do the daily COVID symptom tracker and as part of that process I will then follow-up with people who report that they either have had an exposure or have symptoms and will then direct them to the best possible scenario for them of where they can be tested or what they will do next in that process. But the most important thing is to do like President Samhat said, wear masks, physically distance from each other and use proper hand hygiene and then do the daily symptom tracker so that we can identify cases as soon as possible and be able to isolate and quarantine people.

**Question:** If a student must isolate or quarantine due to the virus, who will check on them and how often will someone check on them? How will they receive meals?

**Lisa Lefebvre:** That will be me! I will check on them and I will check on them as frequently as they need. So, someone in isolation is someone who is COVID positive or is being tested and I will check on them more frequently than those in quarantine. And those are people who have been exposed to someone and we’re just waiting to see if they do get sick so they will not be checked on as frequently. I will do it either in person or virtually by telemedicine. We will make sure they get feed. We will make sure the
meals get to them and that they have what they need wherever they are. And we do have some places for them, for people to go when they are in quarantine and isolation.

**Question:** Will there be adequate staff in the Wellness Center since there may be a chance of increased need for services?

**Beth Wallace:** Yes, we will be in touch with our administration if there will be needs for increased staffing in the Wellness Center. Currently, Lisa will oversee the COVID-19 processes and procedures and I will assist her with that. We have nurse practitioner you all know Tammy Gilliam and Amanda Mandlove who is an RN, they will do telemedicine and face-to-face appointments only by appointments in the afternoon. So yes, if we see an increase, I’m sure we’ll be in touch often with our administration and the support of getting increased staff if that is necessary. But we’ll be in constant communication about how things are going in the Wellness Center and I know that we will get the support we need if that becomes too much for the staff that we currently have on hand.

**Question:** What’s Wofford’s plan for testing students, faculty and staff for COVID-19? If you don’t have a testing plan, is there a plan for daily self-assessments?

**Nayef Samhat:** We continue to follow CDC, DHEC and Spartanburg Regional Medical Center guidance and again, we were having a conversation with the chief of staff over at the hospital today and that guidance is pursue testing if students present with symptoms or has been exposed to someone who has tested positive. We’ve asked students to self-quarantine for several weeks before returning to campus and to be tested if at all possible. We’re also looking at random testing options and short-term testing options. We have quick turnaround testing options as well. But we’re still finalizing plans. Starting Monday our entire community will complete daily self-assessments through the Wellness Center’s patient portal – faculty, staff and students. But fundamentally it is proper practice, mask wearing, social distancing and hand hygiene, those are the three elements, in fact the medical staff over there at the hospital emphasized again and again today. And it falls upon all of us, certainly faculty and staff and students have a huge responsibility in making this semester possible.

**Question:** What procedures does Wofford have for regulating ingress/egress to campus for the fall semester for students and guests? Has Wofford considered implementing a total campus lockdown?

**Roberta Hurley Bigger:** Thank you and welcome to all the students and parents who have joined us tonight, it’s great to see your names there. Can’t wait to see your faces in person. As you know, we have lots of employees who live off campus and we have commuting students, some of whom are on this call with us who live off campus and we have students who have jobs in Spartanburg County. So, we are not going to institute a campus lockdown. We are going to encourage, as President Samhat just said, to wear
masks, all the time, to wash your hands constantly, and physically distance from one another so your chances of contracting anything are very small.

**Question:** Will the weight rooms and the gym be open for full use in the Benjamin Johnson Arena? If so, what restrictions will be in place? Will students be allowed to play basketball in the gym?

**Roberta Hurley Bigger:** We reopened the fitness center in June, and we have changed the guidelines there and there are lots of flyers and posters posted so students know what to do, but we ask that you wear a mask into the facility. We ask that you physically distance from anyone else working out so you wouldn’t be on a machine or treadmill besides someone who’s working out. And that you wipe down the machines before and after your us. So far, it’s been going well. We have not opened the floor of the Ben Johnson Arena yet for interactive play but I would like to note that we do have some outdoor areas in the Village and other areas on campus where students are welcome to recreate and we have the ultimate frisbee course is open and I saw students on it the other night so I think there will be plenty of opportunities for recreation and fitness.

**Question:** What is Wofford doing to make sure that students have adequate online academic options?

**Mike Sosulski:** That’s a very good question. So, as everyone knows, we’ve been working very very hard to bring everyone back to campus for the really high quality in-person learning experience that we do so well at Wofford College. Now, having said that, we know that there will be some students who will need to learn remotely due to health conditions that they may have. So, we do have online learning options available. About 64% of the fall course schedule is available to students in a hybrid format or fully remotely. I’m going to point out now that there is an application for remote learning if you have health conditions or other reasons that would put you in a category that demands that you need to learn remotely. Go to the WoffordTogether website to find that application and the link to it there.

**Question:** What is the attitude toward ensuring a successful Interim Travel Studies program for January 2021? When will the administration know if the programs will make?

**Amy Lancaster:** We have been working on this all summer long, planning and trying to assess what measures need to be put into place in order to ensure the health and safety of our community and our students during Interim. That’s something that is ongoing. We are in touch with a number of different faculty and staff on campus to assess program by program what is and is not feasible given the situations and obviously those are changing in each location. Some of those programs have actually already been suspended because of travel restrictions that we were not able to ensure that those would be lifted in time to run those programs in January. We are in touch with those of
you who have been impacted by those changes and we will continue to do that. We anticipate making kind of the final decision about whether or not those programs can run by the end of September. Of course, anything can change at any point after that, but if we decide for whatever reason that a program or programs can’t run because of the situation surrounding COVID-19 this far out, we would hope to make that decision before October, before on-campus registration takes place. And, of course, if you have already applied and paid a deposit at that point, we will refund that to you. And, if you are able to pursue a different program that is able to run, we will obviously work with you to make sure that you can be considered for that. But if you haven’t already applied and you are interested, you can still do so, the deadline is not until mid-September, so you’ve got some time. And I’ll post the link where you can find that information online. Also, just as a heads up, if you are considering studying abroad in the spring or during a later semester, we encourage you to go ahead and reach out to us to schedule an advising appointment for this fall. We will have both virtual and in-person advising, so you know its business as usual, just a different kind of normal for us now. We look forward to working with you whether it’s for interim or for summer or for a semester overseas.

**Question:** Will meals be take-out only? Are all campus eateries open? What are the hours?

**Roberta Hurley Bigger:** First let me say that we have a new director with AVI, AVI has been a great culinary partner with Wofford. Our new director, her name is Cherie Tyger and she and her staff have been working diligently all summer to adjust their service so that it will be safe for students. And yes, all of our on-campus areas will be open for dining. Some will have additional take-out options. Some will have extra places to sit, for example more outside tables outside of Zach’s and other places so you can eat outside and enjoy your meal. The students are required to wear masks into these areas but can take them off when they’re sitting down and eating. The hours are posted on the webpage because they may have to be adjusted as we move through the fall semester. And then, please I would like the parents on the call to know that there will be additional sanitizing and cleaning and there will be areas for the students to have hand sanitizers in those locations as we’ve had for a number of years now.

**Question:** Any thoughts to adding more off-campus restaurants where Terrier Bucks can be used to help with social distancing for meals?

**Roberta Hurley Bigger:** Because we’re encouraging students to stay on campus as much as possible, at this time we are not looking to extend the Terrier Bucks program with off-campus restaurants.

**Question:** How do the experiences of other colleges and universities and their openings impact Wofford’s current plan:
Nayef Samhat: Great question, I know that there have been some stories about UNC and Notre Dame closing down and sending students back home. I’ve been following the news; I’ve been talking to colleagues at other institutions. What we have seen at some of these other institutions, in particular Chapel Hill and Notre Dame, and other places, large institutions, is that students didn’t follow the rules and they had big off-campus parties. So, our hope is that Wofford students will follow the rules and guidelines and act responsibly for their peers and to ensure that they and their peers, all of us, have a successful semester. It’s really up to students and the decisions they make in order for us to complete our semester successfully. And that’s why we ask you to wear a mask and social distance and follow the guidelines for gatherings as laid out on the WoffordTogether website. We are a small college. I’ve learned from the experiences of some other small colleges both nearby and farther away that have similar plans to our own and have already opened and I think we’re on a good pathway. I think we have an excellent plan. We have excellent preparations for move-in and for teaching. Fundamentally, our success resides with the responsibility that we ask students to assume, which is wear masks, social distance, hand hygiene, and follow the guidelines on WoffordTogether.

Question: Is there an alert system set up to alert families when an outbreak occurs?

Jo Ann Brasington: Starting next week, we will begin posting positive COVID-19 numbers at wofford.edu/coronavirus. You are welcome to check that site. We’ll be updating it every couple of days probably, if there’s something to update. If not, we’ll just keep what’s there. We have an emergency text and email system and as returning students you probably are all signed up for that. If for some reason you are not, you can go to myWofford and you can sign up.

Question: Where will students be able to study on campus? Will the library be open?

Mike Sosulski: The library will be open and we’re actually really excited about that. As returning students, the library has been in a process of renovation over the last year and a half. We just completed phase three of that renovation. You saw how beautiful the main floor was looking when everyone had to leave in March and the work has continued in it and it is on time. So now all three floors of the library have been renovated. They are beautiful and that will be available to students with socially distanced learning spaces, plexiglass shields you’ll see when you get back in there. The other place that’s been very popular as you all know is the Great Oaks Hall. That will be available as well in the Roger Milliken Science Center. Those beloved spaces for learning and studying for your classes after hours will be available just as they were before with slightly reduced capacity, and so you can look forward to returning to those spaces.
Question: If students have to move out due to COVID-19 in the fall, will they have to remove all of their belongings:

Brian Lemere: That’s a great question. As we’ve talked about during this whole conversation, all of our plans, all of our hopes, is that we’ll be here all the fall semester through Thanksgiving. But for some reason at some point we decide that we need to go home and become online for the rest of the semester, we’ll remind all the students before they go home to take everything, they need that’s important. Obviously, their books, laptops, any medicines, anything special, special pillow, anything like that that’s important to them, to take them home. Other than that, they can leave the rest of their belongings in their room and it’ll be fine until we return in the spring or the new year.

Question: If students are sent home after the start of classes, will room and board be refunded? Would it be possible to stay on campus and not receive the refund?

Nayef Samhat: If we cannot complete the semester then we will refund room and board, or a portion of it, proportionately, like we did in the spring semester. Students who want to stay on campus can contact res life and they have a procedure for applying to stay on campus. But the best way we remain on campus and everyone remains on campus is to wear their masks, social distance, practice hand hygiene. And I keep repeating that. My colleagues and I were on a call today with Spartanburg Regional Medical Center CEO and Chief of Staff and we talked about this. They have a couple of thousand members over there working, they’re in close contact with all manner of infections and the like and they have not had any outbreak, because, as they said, they practice mask wearing, social distancing and hand hygiene. And Beth Wallace and Lisa Lefebvre who are on this call were on that call as well and I think they would agree that those are the three basic things we need to do to ensure we stay on campus all semester. And it doesn’t matter if you’re on campus, living on campus, or living off campus, the same principles apply.

Question: Why are some courses not available to be remote or partially remote? If we are forced to move to remote learning, what will happen to those courses?

Mike Sosulski: So, as I referred to earlier, Wofford is best as an in-person teaching and learning experience. That is what we have spent the last hundred or more years doing and doing so well. It has been our goal since the end of the spring semester to get back to that to the best degree we possibly can in as safe a manner as we possibly can. At the same time, we know that some courses are going to be, need to be available remotely due to their health situations. So, we have some courses available as I mentioned, actually more than you could imagine, like I mentioned earlier, 64% of them are available remotely and most of those are being taught by faculty who for various reasons need to teach remotely. If we are forced to move to remote learning completely, due to conditions on campus with the pandemic, faculty have been instructed and they’ve been preparing all summer to be prepared to
make those experiences that were in-person also available remotely. So, we will shift if we need to.

**Question:** How will online classes work? Will some be live-streamed and synchronized or asynchronous?

**Mike Sosulski:** That’s a good question, and the answer is both and all of the above. It depends upon the individual course, the type of course that’s being taught, the discipline that it’s being offered in and what works best there. So, faculty have been preparing all summer to deliver their courses in the best possible manner that makes sense for that particular course in that particular field. One thing I will mention is that many faculty are planning to offer what’s called hybrid-learning and that is some in-person and some asynchronous and some online learning. You will learn about that from your faculty with each individual case and they’ll be in touch with you soon if they haven’t already.

**Question:** What sort of plans does the Career Center have to help students secure internships or jobs during this time?

**Curt McPhail:** Thanks to the folks who have joined us tonight. The Career Center recognizes this is a tough job market to graduate into or to try and find an internship. We believe that now is the time to really focus on getting your materials ready and also relying on networking opportunities and particularly leaning on the Wofford community and the Wofford network. I want to talk about several things that the Career Center will be doing in the fall. One is that from a programming standpoint, we’ll be offering weekly programming based on our four-year plan, so we’ll start the week that we’re back in class and each week we will have a different topic, helping folks get their materials getting their plans ready, resumes, cover letters, those kinds of things. We also already have regular sessions with employers scheduled. These will be virtual because of COVID regulations. But we’re also encouraging employers to be available for smaller group and more intimate conversations with folks around job opportunities and internship opportunities. Many of those are looking to hire folks in October. So, we encourage students to come ready to look for that information, ready to access that information, and ready to get involved in the process of seeking out an internship. We also have a partnership with the alumni office to bring alumni back, virtually, to talk about their stories and their careers and we’re excited about that as well. I just also want to mention that in a time like this, virtual opportunities and technology are critical, so reminding folks to make sure that their Handshake profile is up to date, to make sure that they’ve signed up for MyMentor, the Wofford alumni network, the online platform to allow you to conversate and work with alums on a host of things. If you’re a senior we encourage you to go to our website and check out our partnership with Scouted which is a great organization that helps graduates find jobs, particularly up in the northeast. That’s new for us and something that we’ll be happy to talk with you about. Lastly, I’ll say that we will be open every day to meet with students both in person and
virtually. We’ll ask for patience from those students who want to meet in person. Because of social distancing, we’re putting all of our appointments into our conference room to ensure that we have proper distance. So that may take a little bit more time but just know we’re here, we’re available every single day of the week. We’ve got easy ways to meet with you virtually as well. And then lastly, I put this in the chat but if you’re not following us on Instagram, make sure you look there. We’ll be posting all of information, all of our events, all of our programming stuff there. We’re excited about the fall; we recognize that there’s some challenges associated with it but we’re ready to meet with you to meet those challenges.

**Question:** For the upcoming election, due to the USPS having delay deliveries, our absentee ballots may not arrive on time. Will professors provide excused absences for the students so we can exercise our right to vote on Election Day?

**Nayef Samhat:** Vote. At the local, national and state level, vote. It’s a very important election. My suggestion is if you’re registered here in Spartanburg, you go to your precinct on election day and vote and work around your daily schedule. I happen to have more faith in the United State Postal Service than what is being bandied about in the press. I’m still amazed that you can send a letter for the price of a stamp from one end of the country to the other and it gets there within a couple of days and it’s an extraordinary thing. So, I would say prepare early for your absentee ballot if you intend to vote and you should vote in this important election.

**Question:** With all of the social distancing, how will students receive help with computer issues? Or how will students interact with staff in other offices? Will they be allowed to drop in?

**Kay Foster:** In an effort to follow social distancing recommendations, students should first contact the Help Center at 864-597-4357 or email us at help@wofford.edu with their issues. Students should make sure to include a callback number and a brief description of the issue that they have, to leave a message. Often, we can resolve issues quickly over the phone, without face-to-face contact. If we are not able to resolve an issue over the phone, we will set up an appointment with the student here in the Help Center. During these consultations, we will also wear masks and maintain social distancing. In the past, some students have dropped off their equipment with us if it is too complex and may require extra time to resolve. We will continue to offer this service if students feel comfortable. If you have any questions, again that number is 864-597-4357 or you can email us at help@wofford.edu.

**Jo Ann Brasington:** I’ll take the next part of that question. Staff have been working throughout the summer to prepare for the arrival of students. I can’t even tell you how eager we are to have you back on campus. We have directional and spacing signs in the buildings, more is coming in the next few days. We have plexiglass screens in high-traffic
areas. If students, however, feel more comfortable meeting virtually, staff will accommodate that as well.

**Question:** Should a student need to quarantine because of exposure or a COVID-positive test, are they allowed to attend classes missed remotely?

**Mike Sosulski:** Faculty have always been willing and ready to work with students who need to miss class due to illness. This is not something that we have to deal with just during the pandemic that we’re experiencing now but during flu season as well. So, this is not an unfamiliar situation. Professors will continue to do what they’ve always done which is to work with students who need to be out of the classroom because of illness to create a plan that’s going to work for them to keep everyone current with their coursework. You can count on us to continue to support you in that way.

**Lisa Lefebvre:** We will definitely work with people if they’ve had exposure or are concerned about having exposure to COVID to help them get testing. We are also starting a Starfish, you all know about Starfish, we will have a Starfish that says that people are in isolation or quarantine and will be there for 10 to 14 days. So, it will not disclose whether you or someone who is positive or whether you’ve just been exposed to someone so that faculty and staff are aware of that and can work with you. And then I also can quickly address a question that came through about quarantining. It asked if quarantine begins when someone arrives on campus. So, if you’re talking about the two weeks of quarantining that we’ve asked students to do when they come, that will begin when all of your roommates are there. That’s part of you building that group as your essential family. So, if you arrive this weekend and the rest of your roommates don’t arrive for a week and a half, you really need to essentially not invite others into your apartment for those two weeks after everyone arrives. Real quarantining is, of course, if you’ve been exposed to someone and that will be for 14 days after the last time you were in contact with the person who is positive.

**Question:** What are the consequences of violations to COVID policies on campus? Please give details.

**Jo Ann Brasington:** You can find those at Wofford.edu\WoffordTogether, along with the pledge that everybody’s supposed to sign. There are some pretty serious consequences so please take a look at that when you sign that pledge. There are too many to go through now, but if you’ll check that website you can read them all.

**Question:** With the influx of more students on campus, where will students park, particularly those juniors who live in Wightman and Lesesne?

**Brian Lemere:** Parking was obviously the closest to that on that for those two particular residence halls will be the Shipp parking lot. There will also be parking, a lot of students in that area will park in the Village. They also have opportunities in the Stewart H.
Johnson Greek Village, just behind that in the overflow lot. So, it just depends on how lucky you are at that particular time and what time of day. Also, remind all students that you can always contact Campus Safety at 864-597-4911 for an escort at any time during the day. They’ll be glad to help get you from any point a on campus to point b at any time.

**Question:** We’ve had several questions about online learning. Will students be able to switch to online learning during the semester if they feel unsafe on campus?

**Mike Sosulski:** If you take a look at the form that’s online at the WoffordTogether webpage, you’ll see that we’re using the CDC to determine who will be authorized to learn remotely. So those really have to do with health conditions that make it necessary. If you’re living on campus, we really want you to have that on-campus experience of learning and we have great plans in place to do it safely. The other aspect to that question, is also a very practical one and that is, as you will see, not every single course is available remotely right now. So, it’s really going to be dependent on two different kinds of factors there.

**Question:** How will the rule against visitors being allowed in the dorms be enforced? Will there be monitoring or ID checks?

**Roberta Hurley Bigger:** I was thinking of something funny to say about me patrolling the halls, but students don’t want me patrolling the halls. We are, just like with the masks and the physical distancing, we are asking everyone, that means students, faculty and staff to help us with these new guidelines. So, we expect, the students on this call and their parents, Wofford students are extremely intelligent, and, as President Samhat has reiterated, it’s going to be the student’s choice to help us get through semester and get to Thanksgiving teaching, learning, studying in person. We expect students to follow these guidelines and if we learn that they are not, they are going to be seeing Dean Lemere, myself and other staff members and we will respond to those situations.

**Question:** If a student does not sign the pledge what are the consequences will they face?

**Roberta Hurley Bigger:** If a student doesn’t sign the pledge they will not go to class on August 31st.

**Question:** How will office hours work or getting help from a professor during non-class time?

**Mike Sosulski:** So, the WoffordTogether plan states that office hours are generally going to be held remotely and I think that has to do largely with the fact that faculty offices are not in most cases large enough to accommodate distancing, the kind of distancing that’s advised by the CDC. And particularly, it would be difficult to have, say a
group of students meet with you in your office to do that. So that’s generally how it’s going to be approached but I think that you know nothing will change in terms of faculty’s general approach to teaching and learning, which is to be available to students, no matter what it takes to do that to provide support outside the classroom. Whether that’s through office hours or group study sessions, any of those kinds of things. We will manage to provide that same quality experience.

Jo Ann Brasington: We’ve had a number of questions about contact tracing. Lisa Lefebvre, would you address that?

Lisa Lefebvre: Will there be follow-up to ensure that students complete the daily health assessment? Yes, I will send messages, so I’ll start next week trying to send messages to people who have not done it. I will be honest; I’m still learning that system so I’m glad you guys are not all here yet. But I’ll be sending those, and I just showed Dean Wallace how I was going to be doing that today. Contact tracing is basically me talking to someone who is positive or who is being testing, finding out everyone they’ve been around, so it’s very important that students are honest about that because we want to make sure. The only way to stop the spread of this is to remove people who possibly could spread it from being around others. That’s the only way to do it. That’s what contact tracing is. So, I will be on the phone, calling people and talking and trying to figure out who is positive and then who they’ve been around and asking them to quarantine and asking the positive person to isolate. There was a question about where that’s going to happen. We have set aside spaces in a couple of different places for people to isolate and quarantine and if we run out of space then we are going to have to try to ask people who can go home to go home. But we will try to work with people and keep them here as much as possible. Then there’s a question about daily screening on the weekends and who will enforce it and I really haven’t thought about enforcement yet, so thank you for the question. I’ll work with the back to school committee to talk about, but it does need to be done on weekends because you really need to know that if you’re going to be out and about on campus you need to have done an assessment of yourself.

Question: Are there specific policies for commuting students?

Roberta Hurley Bigger: Commuting students have the same guidelines that our resident students do. They will need to wear a mask all the time when they’re on campus, they will need to physically distance from their friends, their professors and staff, and they’ll need to wash their hands a lot. And they need to sign the pledge. So, there is nothing different about being a commuting student except they won’t be allowed in the residence halls and students card keys – in the past we had universal access, so any full-time student their card key would open a residence hall door. Because of COVID, the students card keys are only going to open the residence hall door of the residence hall in which they live. And commuting students will not have access to our residence hall ID card system.
Question: On move-in day do we have to complete the move-in during the two-hour window? Will we be allowed to leave campus and come back if we need something from the store?

Brian Lemere: I think, for each of those cases, if they will just contact our office through reslife@wofford.edu, we can work with each individual case. Obviously, we’re trying our best to look at the overall plan and the best and most efficient way to help everybody and to keep the flow going as quickly as we can. But we’ll be glad to work with each individual on their needs and try to come up with a plan to try to make it work for everybody.

Jo Ann Brasington: That’s all of our questions for this evening. So if you have a question that did not receive and answer this evening, please email woffordnews@wofford.edu and we will try to get that answered for you. Thank you for participating and thank you to our panelists and all of the people behind the scenes who have made this event possible. Remember you can find a recording and a transcript of this event at Wofford.edu/coronavirus. This concludes our virtual Town Hall. Stay well Terriers!