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To: Deb Cole
Subject: FW: UWM Undergraduate Research Symposium Update

Below is an email from Kyla Esguerra, Deputy Director of the UWM Office of Undergraduate Research (copied here), regarding the UWM Undergraduate Research Symposium's new virtual format. She is more than happy to speak to members of LSAMP regarding her role at UWM and more details about the conference and its virtual recording format.

From: Kyla M Esguerra <kylam@uwm.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 2:30 PM
Subject: UWM Undergraduate Research Symposium Update

Dear undergraduate research students,

Thank you so much for submitting your abstract to the UWM Undergraduate Research Symposium. We were thrilled to have 230 abstracts submitted, and it is refreshing to be reminded of the very meaningful ways in which you have been and are involved in the extremely important research work that happens at UWM. As you know, in light of the rapidly changing COVID-19 pandemic, we must do things a little differently to meet UWM, state and CDC guidelines that seek to limit large gatherings of people.

Because of the importance of reflection and dissemination to the research endeavor, we would like you (if possible) to still work on your poster file or PowerPoint slides in order to **virtually** share some outcomes of your work. For both poster files and oral presentations with PowerPoint slides, there would be an option of submitting as is, or recording a "voice-over" to also discuss the work. We will link these outcomes to your abstract in an online program booklet. This will have the benefits of 1) showcasing some of the outcomes you worked hard to produce, 2) providing you with "virtual" presentation experience that can be listed or linked on a CV or resume, 3) encouraging reflection on what you have learned through your research experience and on the overall implications of the work. We will stick with our **April 20** deadline to submit files (ppt or pdf) to Tamara Long at talong@uwm.edu.

We are working on a virtual version of our conference poster workshop as well as instructions for doing a "voice over" presentation, but for any questions about preparing a poster in the meantime, feel free to reach out to Tamara Long (talong@uwm.edu) or myself. I have also asked Tammy to still be in touch with students with feedback on the posters, so she may share her thoughts and ideas if she sees something that she would suggest revising or editing for readability.

Finally, please also note that, following the Chancellor's recommendations, the OUR staff are working remotely, so please email us instead of calling the office or stopping by.

Thinking of you all and wishing you peace and good health.

Sincerely,

Kyla Esguerra
Deputy Director

