

Northern Michigan University Retiree Association Meeting
Wednesday, August 19, 2020

Present were: Tony Tollefson, Gerry Nault, Bruce Lund, Veikko Heikkinen, Dan and Mickey Hakala, Sharon Cary, Ed Yohe, and Phyllis James

Dr. Robert J. Wynn, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, spoke to us about how NMU has adapted to the virus. Twelve work groups (Technology, Safety and Health, Teaching and Learning, Engineering and Planning, etc.), led by Cindy Paavala and Mike Bath, worked together to make campus usable and safe for students, faculty, and staff.

Classes meet face-to-face, lecture/lab, online. Hybrid classes A meet mostly face-to-face, less online. Hybrid B meet mostly online.

Three styles of classrooms; some have stationary desks; others can be reconfigured. Now using 25%-60% normal capacity. Alternate meeting in person. Must take attendance every day so those can be identified in case someone tests positive.

Some students can't social distance – nurses learning to draw blood, cosmetology, students sharing equipment (Jacobetti), etc. They are given extra PPP, gowns, gloves, masks, face shields

Covid cases are staying in Spalding -Provided food, and other comforts as much as possible.
Quarantined- in contact with someone who tests positive
Isolated – Tests positive. Must stay in his/her room.

Forrest L Karr, Special Assistant to the President and Athletic Director

Many problems as each school/state/conference has different rules

May have to wait 2-4 days for test results it complicated to travel for events

E-games- new sport – computer games. NMU will evaluate games – non-violent – uses hand eye coordination – students can make 500 moves per minute

Sports on hold until January 1. Might play only each team once.

May test 50% of team every two weeks. Tests are \$120 each.

Family insurance first, then NMU secondary insurance, then NMU. NMU will pay for students don't have insurance (usually from rural areas).

Today only 250 people can be in the Dome. Would be only football parents 😊.

Business Meeting – Election of Officers

President – Tony Tollefson – Motion made by Dan Hakala. Unanimously approved.

Vice President – Veikko Heikkinen – Motion made by Dan Hakala. Unanimously approved.

Secretary – Phyllis James – Motion made by Gerry Nault. Unanimously approved.

AP – Ed Yohe – Motion made by Sharon Cary. Unanimously approved.

CT – Marsha Larmour- Motion made by Sharon Cary. Unanimously approved.

Operations – Dan Hakala – Motion made by Veikko Heikkinen. Unanimously approved

A committee or the Board will work on creating a group for retired Administrators/
Executives/Coaches.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis James