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FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2021

Dear Colleagues:

As we enter the last few weeks of the semester, I once again want to thank every member of the Syracuse University faculty, department chairs, deans and academic staff for the hard work and resilience that you have shown over the course of the pandemic and, most particularly, this academic year. While we don't know exactly what a post-pandemic normal looks like, we are moving forward in our planning for fall 2021 assuming that the coming academic year will be returning to normalcy that closely resembles our pre-pandemic mode of residential operations.

I asked the Academic Planning Group, which has served us so well over the past 18 months, to create a set of assumptions and recommendations to guide our

planning for the Fall 2021 semester. You may read the [full report on the Stay Safe website \[PDF\]](#). In addition to the vaccination requirement that has already been communicated, the report contains considerations for international students who are unable to obtain a visa in time for the start of classes on Aug. 30 and six key recommendations. These recommendations have benefited from a wide range of input, including from the Graduate Faculty Council and the Academic Affairs Committee of the University Senate.

I cannot adequately express my gratitude to all of you, whose incredible dedication—often in the face of personal challenges—has ensured that our students could continue to make progress toward their degrees this year. I hope that the remainder of this semester goes smoothly, and I look forward to seeing many of you at Commencement.

Sincerely,

John Liu
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