



Welcome back faculty and staff!

Classes begin Wednesday as scheduled. I am grateful for all of your hard work in preparing our campus community to return. As we begin a new year and a new semester, I'd like to briefly check in on what's happening in Academic Affairs.

COVID-19 Absence Policy for Students

The policy for COVID-19 related absences has been adjusted. The new version is as follows:

For COVID-related absences that require a student to submit documentation to their faculty, the student should seek this documentation from the medical clinic or a medical provider where they received their care. If the student did not see a medical provider and requires documentation, they should utilize the Absence Request Notification Form and process through the SHSU Student Advocacy Office (formerly the Dean of Students Office). The Student Health Center is only able to provide documentation for students who had a medical appointment with our clinic.

To keep up-to-date on the latest SHSU policies and practices related to COVID-19, visit the [SHSU COVID-19 website](#).

Academic Policy Revision Open Forums Scheduled

Thank you to all of the faculty members who took the time to fill out the survey regarding the four academic policies under review. I feel confident that the shared opinions and insights from