# **Subject: Summary of 7 April 2020 Meeting**

Hi All,

It was great to see so many of you virtually yesterday.

We did not have anything specific to talk about, but shared our current experiences.

Online teaching and associated effects were discussed including large classes with multiple lab sections, students in varying time zones and with different internet capabilities. We heard about one student who has not reengaged since before spring break. Internships and job offers are being rescinded. The inequities for our students have been emphasized by this experience. This is also affecting K-12 as possible 1/3 of students have not had access to online learning. The disability resource center was mentioned particularly for deaf and blind students. Some faculty have eliminated lab exams and deductions for late work.

For the faculty it appears we can access the university buildings when necessary and Brightspace becomes active this summer. Chris has some good course delivery options and Katherine mentioned a group called Pandemic Pedagogy.

There was some interesting discussion about what will be our new normal and the inequities which are present in the US and other countries also being emphasized during this experience.

Katherine provided information about an assessment and equity conference. I have sent that information via a separate email.

A new approach to the organization and planning of future meetings was suggested. The idea is to rotate responsibility for meeting topics between members of our group and host the meetings at respective colleges to increase exposure of our activities. Please bring your ideas for meeting topics to the next meeting!

Let me know if you recommend other changes or have questions.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on April 28th.

All the Best, Helen