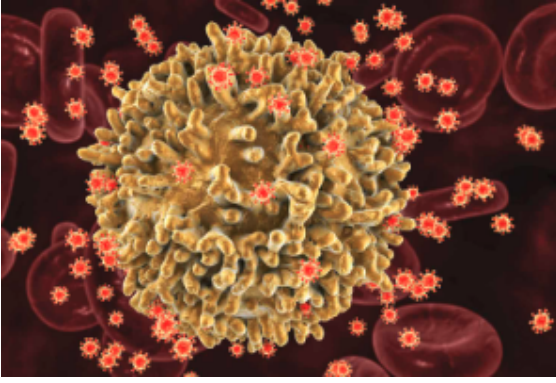


Provost Perspectives

A newsletter from the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

With finals week on the horizon, the next few days are some of the busiest in the semester. As you approach these hectic weeks of holidays and deadlines, I hope you will find time to pause and reflect on what is most important to you this season. Whether the opportunity comes for you to lend a helping hand to someone in need, or to reach out if you need aid, please know you are part of this University of Utah community and you are not alone. Thank you to each of you for all that you do to further the cause of higher education.

- Mitzi M. Montoya



1U4U research team debuts play

A 1U4U [project](#) aimed at developing a science-theater collaborative platform has made strides in their research, debuting “Emergence” — a new play written to explore complex aspects of retroviral research — at the 12th International Retroviral Symposium. View the play reading and a Q&A at the link below.

[Read more](#)

U will host presidential debate

The final presidential debate of 2024 will be hosted at the U on Oct. 9. Candidates will take center stage at Kingsbury Hall for a moderated debate to be broadcast on major television networks. We expect the debate will present opportunities for educational engagement across campus — look for more information as the event draws nearer.

[Read more](#)

UBHE passes resolution on neutrality

Last week the Utah Board of Higher Education adopted a resolution establishing expectations for implementing principles of free speech on campus. The resolution calls on institutions in the Utah System of Higher Education to maintain institutional neutrality, protect a speaker’s right to free expression and establish a program to educate students about free speech. An advisory committee will be established by the Office of the Commissioner to help develop solutions, policies and procedures moving forward.

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Free speech and academic freedom panel

The Office for Faculty is hosting a panel to discuss free speech and academic freedom on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 9 a.m. on Zoom. The panel will discuss how to navigate these issues in the classroom, on social media, and beyond.

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Tuition reduction deadline is approaching

Those who are eligible for tuition reduction benefits should be aware that applications for tuition reduction must be submitted before the first day of spring 2024 semester, Jan. 8, 2024. Applications will not be accepted once the semester begins. Read more at the link below.

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