We want to be face to face this fall, as much as we realistically and safely can. But because no one knows for sure what the public health conditions will be, we are planning for multiple scenarios. We know from surveys that many of our students want face to face courses, and many want to remain online. So in our planning, we are working to offer students choices, including socially distanced face-to-face experiences, hybrid options, and online-only offerings, so that they can be safe while also having top-notch educational experiences. If conditions change, we will able to adapt and offer students flexible options while maintaining quality.

UWM is the best place in Wisconsin to be for this kind of creative thinking; we have 20 years of experience and leadership in online education, and our Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning has implemented an action plan to train our faculty to provide the best learning opportunities no matter the venue.

Our great services and support will be available face to face, but if students prefer, they will have choices here as well. Because of our long history of teaching online, our students will have lots of options in accessing services and support. Our Writing Center, Supplemental Instruction, Tutoring, Libraries, and experiential learning opportunities have a lot of experience with providing online and hybrid access. And we continue to build out new online offerings we kicked off in the spring, like our Virtual Student Union.