

Subject: Update on HACC's Remote Planning - Oct. 7, 2020
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Good evening, colleagues!

As the pandemic continues and the U.S. economy continues to feel the strain, many members of our communities are taking on more burdens than ever. If any students need assistance with food, housing, mental health or other non-academic needs, please refer them to colleagues in the Consultation, Advocacy, Referrals and Empowerment ([CARE](#)) Center. The services offered through the CARE Center are free and available to all HACC students.

As you have come to expect, following are the commonly asked questions and our responses to them. Please note that some of these responses are tentative and subject to change. If you have additional questions and you do not see the answers on the website, please submit the online form located on the website. Please see the webpage section called "[Information for Employees](#)." If you would like to see the information being communicated to students, please see the webpage called "[Information for Students](#)."

We will continue to update you regularly via email, the aforementioned website and Zoom sessions.

Thank you!

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1. **Why are we not using [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act funds for laptops for all of our adjunct and permanent faculty?](#)**

Our CARES Act funding was split between direct aid to students and reimbursement for expenses due to the sudden shift to remote learning. Half of the money went directly to students to assist them in dealing with dramatic changes to their financial situations in order to help them stay in school.

An additional amount is reserved to help us pay for the added expenses of hands-on classes. These expenses include extra equipment, protection for students and employees, facilities costs that are above and beyond our typical operation and supplies to assist faculty in moving what had been hands-on skills training in some areas to remote teaching.

The CARES Act funding is a one-time reimbursement, but computer purchases for adjunct faculty would be an ongoing expense as we continue to hire new adjunct faculty.

2. **Why do I need to bring my HACC-owned computer back on campus to be**

updated?

HACC-owned computers (laptops and PCs) that do not have Windows Always-On-VPN installed need to periodically connect to a HACC server to activate, update and refresh software. Failure to bring the HACC-owned computer to campus could impede your ability to work.

3. Will I have to bring my HACC-owned computer to campus more than once?

No. When you bring your HACC-owned computer to campus, the IT team will update the software and install Windows Always-On-VPN (AOV). This allows your HACC-owned computer to connect automatically to the HACC network. This will alleviate the need to periodically return to campus.

4. In the recent Zoom session that discussed the Technology Agreement, the part of the agreement regarding “Returning of HACC Equipment for Part-Time Employees” was not reviewed or discussed. When will this part of the agreement be shared with part-time employees?

We will collect College-owned technology from part-time employees on Dec. 15, 2020, at the end of the fall semester. If you have questions about the process for returning your equipment, please talk with your supervisor.

Quote: One day you will tell your story of how you’ve overcome what you’re going through now, and it will become part of someone else’s survival guide. ~Unknown