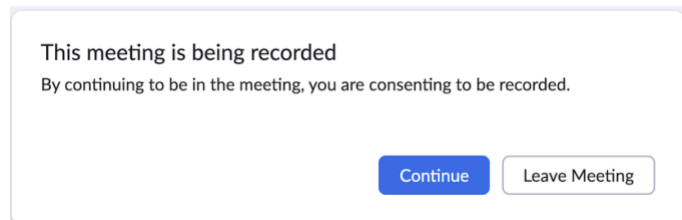


Bi-weekly Report for Fall 2020 Planning – June 29, 2020

Teaching and Scholarly Learning

The Piazza contract was finalized. Please contact teaching@rice.edu if you would like to know more information about using it.

Additional settings are coming to Zoom. Another setting that will be enabled on July 1 is a notification to everyone when a meeting is being recorded. The following dialog box will pop up.



On July 19, Zoom is requiring that meetings have passcodes. Communication will be coming shortly but all meetings will need to be updated to include a passcode.

Learning Spaces

Diane Butler addressed a town hall for Social Science faculty and answered questions about dual delivery and technology in classrooms. Any school wishing to have a Q&A regarding technology in classrooms for fall is welcome to contact Diane.

A few Humanities faculty came to campus to test out the equipment in the classrooms. The ability to see and ask questions about how it will work this fall was very helpful. In addition, a few faculty were able to test out the new face shield that FEP is providing. They found them more comfortable to teach in than a mask. Learning Environments will continue to have faculty test these shields. A picture of one can be found on the [wiki](#). Social Science faculty will be testing equipment next week. If anyone would like to test, s/he should email teaching@rice.edu.

Phase I and II classrooms have been identified and are now posted on the wiki. By the end of July, a number of the classrooms for fall will be equipped for dual delivery. At that time, LE will post on the wiki and faculty can contact them to access rooms for testing. Some videos have now been posted to the wiki to help demonstrate the use of some of the equipment. In addition, in late July, an email will go to faculty so they can request a Technology TA for their class.

Labs and Other Complex Spaces

Learning Environments is working with the School of Engineering and the School of Natural Sciences on identified needs in their spaces. As a reminder, spaces outside the Office of the Registrar scheduled spaces will be evaluated based on programmatic needs and availability of funds by the Information Technology Executive Committee. The identified spaces in Architecture and Music are currently in progress.

Software

LE is working with our software vendors to make sure that our software is accessible to students on campus or remote. A number of our licenses allow for software to be downloaded to an individual's computer so students will be able to work on their own computer remotely. In addition, we are creating a virtual environment in the cloud that will have most of the software that students currently access on campus. Any faculty requiring students to access software that is currently licensed on campus, should contact teaching@rice.edu to discuss software needs.

Training

Training for updated classrooms will be coming later in July. This will include documentation, videos and one-on-one. The Learning Environments team continues to work with faculty on their summer courses as well as preparation for fall. Regular workshops on Zoom, Kaltura and Canvas as well as one-on-one assistance for faculty are in progress. The complete list of workshops is at [Training Calendar](#) and their [website](#) includes resources available to instructors for teaching. For questions, please email Diane Butler, diane@rice.edu, or the Learning Environments team, teaching@rice.edu.