

COLA Weekly

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As we continue to work from home, I've been thinking about what I've learned. Here are my top 10 unexpected discoveries about working from home:

1. I am 37.2% more likely to be tormented by a cat hair attached to my eyelash. (I made the number up, but you know what I mean).
2. I cook more.
3. I eat more.
4. My commute has changed from 20 minutes to 20 seconds (depending on traffic between the kitchen and the front room).
5. The cats are well-groomed but I am not. And no, there won't be a photo.
6. I miss meetings! At least they are an opportunity for human-to-human real time, real space communication. Somehow f2f makes it easier to get things done, especially complex things.
7. My house is very clean, as often cleaning is more appealing than the work I should be doing.
8. I have become a serious Netflix binge-watcher.
9. I answer emails faster.
10. I've learned new technology-Webex, anyone?

The university has launched two crowdfunding campaigns in response to the coronavirus. One is to aid students who need help because of our situation. The support might be in the form of financial assistance because of lost wages, for medical expenses or counseling, or for technology upgrades necessitated by remote learning. The link is here: <https://www.givecampus.com/schools.WrightStateUniversity/wsu-student-emergency-relief-campaign/?a=3628509#updates>



The second campaign is our ArtsUNgala: <https://www.givecampus.com/qxua4m>. This campaign is to replace the revenue for student scholarships the event would have produced. Even if you don't wish to be a donor, the site features a truly inspiring video featuring our students. It's well worth watching.



Please remind your students that career services for liberal arts students are still being delivered. Wayne has been busy working with students virtually, (mostly through email and phone), conversing with employers/internship providers via *Webex* and *Zoom*, connecting with his Career Services colleagues on best practices for service and resource delivery, and interacting with various COLA faculty and chairs on subjects such as internships and alumni data. Students wanting assistance should contact Wayne via email, and watch for updates and helpful tips he sends out.

I hope you are keeping up with university communications. They are all posted on the WSU coronavirus site: <https://www.wright.edu/coronavirus>. Don't forget to reach out to friends and family via phone or social media: staying home does not mean we have to be lonely. As you teach remotely, please maintain contact with your students. And most of all, stay safe!



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