SoHE Fall Instruction Update #6

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I’m writing you today from Nancy Nicholas Hall. It’s been fun to see some of you in the building, including a visit Professor Dong’s class -- photo evidence attached (photo credit: Dean Shim).

Things feel calm and (oddly) quiet both in the building and around campus. I’m pleased to see students properly wearing masks and practicing safe distancing.

Let me know how your first days are going. I want to know the challenges and the celebrations.

Here are a few updates and reminders for the first week of the semester:

1. If you haven’t done so already, be sure to publish your Canvas course site so that students can access it.

2. Many of you have reported Kaltura slowdowns and outages. The vendor is actively working to add additional capacity and they expect the issue to be resolved by the end of the weekend. If you continue to experience issues next week, please contact the DoIT Help Desk to report the issue.

3. I know many of you are excited about the new campus license for Zoom. The UW account is not yet integrated into Canvas or fully supported by DoIT – so be cautious about using it for instruction at this time.

4. Students with low bandwidth connections are experiencing challenges with synchronous lectures and discussions. Here are some resources to assist:
   a. Delivering instruction to students with low bandwidth connections
   b. Tips for online asynchronous instruction

5. If you run out of cleaning supplies in your classroom, please contact BITS (<bits@sohe.wisc.edu>, 608-265-0534)

6. Don’t forget about the Canvas site “SoHE Course Support FA20” (<https://canvas.wisc.edu/courses/223788>) filed with curated resources to support your course preparation and delivery. You can also contact Andrea Johnston (<andrea.c.johnston@wisc.edu>) with questions about learning technology. She’s a fabulous resource on loan to SoHE throughout the fall semester!

Warm regards,
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