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All,

First of all, happy Spring to you all, and congratulations on making it through the first full week of this unusual situation! We continue to work behind the scenes to try to address all of the issues inherent in this different way of working and of trying to ensure robust and safe continuity of service. It's definitely a work in progress, and I'm grateful for your patience and contributions to the effort.

With the end of Spring Break and the beginning of the New Normal, we thought we'd try to do something "virtual" to stay social and touch base. I invite you to join us on Monday, March 23rd at 11am for an unstructured conversation. I'll provide updates from campus, if there are any. The AULs, Skye, Heather Murphy and I will be there to field questions or collect questions that we'll follow up on. Mostly, though, we'd like to use this as an opportunity to chat, to ask questions, and to share experiences. Attendance is most definitely *not* required, but everyone is welcome.

When the time comes around, click on this link: <https://illinois.zoom.us/j/851605692>  
If you need a meeting ID, it's 851 605 692.

Zoom will limit us to 300 participants, which will probably be sufficient, but be aware that we may not be able to "fit" everyone. In order to reserve limited bandwidth, please use audio only. We'll try to record the session for those who can't join (or get in) to review later, but bear in mind the campus has experienced some problems with Zoom recordings. Please remember that this is a bit of an experiment and we'll learn from it in planning future large sessions.

Yours,  
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