Guiding Principles as We Resume Class
(from Brandon Bayne, UNC—Chapel Hill as reported in the Chronicle of Higher Education)

1. **Nobody signed up for this.**
   - Not for the sickness, not for the social distancing, not for the sudden end of our collective lives together on campus
   - Not for an online class, not for teaching remotely, not for learning from home, not for mastering new technologies, not for varied access to learning materials

2. **The humane option is the best option.**
   - We are going to prioritize supporting each other as humans
   - We are going to prioritize simple solutions that make sense for the most
   - We are going to prioritize sharing resources and communicating clearly

3. **We cannot just do the same thing online.**
   - Some assignments are no longer possible
   - Some expectations are no longer reasonable
   - Some objectives are no longer valuable

4. **We will foster intellectual nourishment, social connection, and personal accommodation.**
   - Accessible asynchronous content for diverse access, time zones, and contexts
   - Optional synchronous discussion to learn together and combat isolation

5. **We will remain flexible and adjust to the situation.**
   - Nobody knows where this is going and what we’ll need to adapt
   - Everybody needs support and understanding in this unprecedented moment