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Moratorium on Starting New Curriculum Proposals

A short moratorium on starting new proposals begins June 1 as we transition from one catalog year to another. This has no effect on proposals already started. You may continue to use [Curriculog](#), but will not be able to start a new proposal during the moratorium. For more information regarding curriculum proposals, visit the [Faculty Governance website's Course and Curriculum pages](#).

Fall 2020 Curriculum Models

Faculty are invited to join a conversation with AISLE, UGE, and CTL that will review and discuss the [Fall 2020 Curriculum Models](#). The facilitators will discuss course design and technology considerations for each model to help faculty evaluate which course model/s will best serve their needs.

- Thursday, June 4, 3:00 - 4:00 PM ([Register](#))
- Friday, June 5, 2:00 - 3:00 PM ([Register](#))

Phi Kappa Phi Receives Literacy Grant Funding for “Love of Reading” Project



For the first time in the chapter's history, the UNC Charlotte Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi was awarded a \$2,000 literacy grant to fund the 2020-2021 "Love of Reading" Project, a joint literacy project with Kappa Delta Pi, Omicron Pi Chapter, at UNC Charlotte.



The Love of Reading project supports Reedy Creek Elementary through a series of events planned by both PKP and KDP, such as in school reading through student and staff volunteers and expanding classroom libraries through donations and book purchases.



Workshops on reading pedagogy for early childhood development will be led by the Kappa Delta Pi honor society. Additionally, Phi Kappa Phi plans to host a book drive and purchase 4-5 books for each of the classrooms based on recommendations by the teachers and literacy leads from the school.

Graduate Student Virtual Orientation Set for September 3

The Center for Graduate Life will host a virtual orientation session for new graduate students from 10:00-11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 3. Through the orientation session, new students can get tips from current graduate students in a live Q&A session, plus have an opportunity to hear from Graduate School Dean Tom Reynolds and Associate Dean Katherine Hall-Hertel. For details and to register, please visit the Center for Graduate Life's [Orientation webpage](#).

Faculty Selected for UNC System Online Course Assessment for Critical, High-Demand Courses

Several faculty members are selected for a critical project that will support faculty and universities across the UNC System to refine and improve our online offerings, especially in critical, high-demand courses, during the ongoing COVID19 outbreak.

Selected faculty include: Melanie Harris for Biology 1, Jordan Poler for Chemistry 1, Shankari Somayaji for Anatomy and Physiology, and Beth Bumgardner for Statistics. In addition, Garvey Pyke, Enoch Park and Bruce Richards (all from the Center of Teaching and Learning) are selected as instructional designers for Statistics.

The overall project will target 8-10 courses that are critical to student progress that might be offered online due to continued social distancing requirements. Faculty teams will be asked to scour existing digital resources—from within the UNC System, other universities or providers, and those available for licensing or as Open Educational Resources—to identify best-in-class materials and curate those materials into a resource library. The faculty teams also will determine if an adaptive courseware product should be centrally procured and applied for the course; develop an implementation guide and outreach/communication materials to facilitate adoption; and work with UNC System Office staff to develop an assessment plan.

New Graduate Academic Petition System is Live

The new Graduate Academic Petition System is live and can be reached by visiting academicpetition.uncc.edu. As of today, students are being directed to the new system to submit their petitions. Faculty will have access to both systems until all open petitions have been completed in the old system.

Training material has been published in the Graduate School Electronic Systems Training course in Canvas. Use this [link](#) to self-enroll in the course, then click Go to the Course. Click Modules on the left navigation pane to access the Graduate Academic Petition System module.

To further assist in this transition, there are open swim training opportunities being offered during the month of June:

- Wednesday, June 3, 2:00 PM ([WebEx](#))
- Thursday, June 9, 10:00 AM ([WebEx](#))
- Thursday, June 18, 3:00 PM ([WebEx](#))
- Monday, June 22, 2:00 PM ([WebEx](#))

You can also find answers to specific questions in the [FAQ](#) or email gpetitionhelp@uncc.edu.

Resources for Planning for Fall 2020 Reopening

Faculty members and department chairs should coordinate course delivery and instruction plans with their associate dean. Resources for academic department leaders planning for the Fall 2020 reopening are available on the [Office of the Provost website](#). Decisions will be based on these guiding principles: to preserve the college experience, to protect the health of our students and faculty, to ensure a successful learning environment, and to minimize the reduction in overall student credit hours.

Archived Messages to Faculty Provide Direction During Pandemic

Faculty, advisors and academic staff are encouraged to reference the archive of [messages from the Provost](#) as they continue to support and accommodate students who are completing the spring semester during challenging circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dissertation Defenses

The dissertation defense is one of the ways a new scholar demonstrates readiness to join the academy and is an opportunity to share their research widely. [View All Dissertation Defense Announcements](#)

Latest AA News

For up-to-the-minute news from Academic Affairs (faculty awards, research, recognition, initiatives), follow us on Twitter (www.twitter.com/UNCC_Academics) or visit the [Academic Affairs Division News webpage](#).

Upcoming Events

This Week:

June [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)

June [Diversity Events on campus](#)

Upcoming: provost.uncc.edu/division-news/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events

The [DAA News Digest](#) is distributed each Monday to Academic Affairs faculty and staff.

Deadline for submission is 11:00 a.m. every Friday.

Send submissions to academicaffairs@uncc.edu.