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Last Chance for Faculty to Provide Input on CLAS Reorganization Summary Report

The Committee on CLAS Review has completed its summary report of possible options for the organization of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. The report findings indicate that the current structure of CLAS, a reorganization of CLAS, or the establishment of a two- or three-college model, are all viable approaches. As a next step in the CLAS Review process, all members of faculty are invited to review the summary report and to provide input by this [3-question survey](#) by **Thursday, May 26**. The CLAS review process will pause during the summer and will resume in Fall 2022 with further discussion with the Faculty Council.

Academic Affairs Flexible Work and Telework Procedure

The Office of Academic Affairs currently is reviewing unit plans for flexible work and telework as part of the implementation of the University's updated flexible work arrangement policy ([University Policy 101.22](#)) for all SHRA and EHRA staff. The updated policy offers options of flexible schedules, telework and remote work for staff members whose job duties allow for this flexibility with appropriate approvals. Unit plans must be approved by the Provost before individual telework requests may be submitted. Please refer to [UNC Charlotte Academic Procedure: Flexible Work](#) for details and instructions for submitting telework requests for individuals.

Keep Updated on COVID-related Information Through Summer

New coronavirus cases are on an upward trend in [North Carolina](#), and there have been increased faculty and staff COVID cases in recent weeks. Due to this trend, employees are advised to monitor the Niner Insider for any updates on pandemic-related information. Any changes to campus operational conditions will be reported through Niner Insider, which publishes on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the summer.

11,000+ Students Enroll in Summer Term 2022

The [first day of Summer Term 2022](#) kicks off today. Over 11,000 graduate and undergraduate students are currently enrolled in summer courses at UNC Charlotte and are poised for a busy five-week session or the longer 11-week session. Summer 2022 will bring the most summer students to in-person learning since pre-pandemic as 3,500 of students attend on-campus courses. Summer courses provide many students the opportunity to catch up and get ahead, but the 6,000 juniors and seniors make up the majority of the learners accelerating their journey toward graduation. Find important dates for summer enrollment at [Niner Central](#). June 15 is the first [pay date](#) for summer instructors. Email summer49er@unc.edu with questions.

Office of the Registrar Lobby Closing June 1, 2022

Following the establishment of Niner Central, services previously handled at the Office of the Registrar lobby window have transitioned to Niner Central. The majority of services transitioned in 2017-2018, but a few services remained at the

Registrar lobby counter. After reviewing the visitor volume, traffic patterns and reasons for visitation, a decrease was noted over time. Because of this, the Office of the Registrar will finalize this transition to permanently closing their lobby on June 1, 2022. All service needs related to the office will now be handled by Niner Central. No loss in service is anticipated with this transition.

Faculty RSVP for New Student Convocation Now Open

The 2022 New Student Convocation for incoming first-year and transfer students will take place on Sunday, August 21, 2022, in the Barnhardt Student Activity Center.

- Faculty are invited to participate in this tradition that celebrates the beginning of our New Niners academic journey. [Please RSVP for the event as soon as possible](#). The form will close on Monday, August 15, 2022.
- Faculty are encouraged to wear regalia during the event. If you need to rent regalia, please indicate this on your RSVP by July 1, 2022. Additional information will be sent as soon as it becomes available.

Thoughts About Starting a Business? Start Here!

Starting a business without any guidance can be daunting. Why leap into entrepreneurship without having the tools to soar? Have an idea for a product or service but don't know where to start? Begin your journey with UNC Charlotte's Small Business & Technology Development Center (SBTDC)! Our program, Taking the Leap, is a free four-week long cohort that runs on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and serves as a crash course in business fundamentals. [Are you ready to take the leap?](#) Here are few things we will be covered:

- Identify potential markets and their size
- Learn your customers' problem and how to position your solution
- Create a business plan (a strategy that you can execute)
- Understanding business lingo + math of your business
- Plug into the local startup community
- Take charge of your digital presence
- Plus networking with other entrepreneurs and so much more

Faculty Council News

Please visit the Faculty Governance website for the latest news from the Faculty Council including:

- [Meeting Schedules](#)
- [Agendas/Minutes](#)
- [Latest News](#)

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

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