



Office of Academic Affairs

News Digest

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Call for Nominations

Faculty Governance Positions 2017-2018

The Faculty of UNC Charlotte are charged with the responsibility for making policy decisions regarding the curriculum, academic standards, and the allocation of internal research funds. We are also charged with important advisory responsibilities regarding our working schedule and conditions, the university budget, facilities planning, administrative appointments, and other elements of institutional policy and operation that touch us directly and indirectly.

These responsibilities are carried out through a system of shared governance which constitutes the framework within which we can carry out our own work, and contribute to the overall academic mission and culture of UNC Charlotte. Faculty participation in governance is what we have to do in order to retain the autonomy to conduct our research, teach our students, disseminate knowledge, and build the academic community in ways we see fit.

Please consider how you or someone you respect might become part of the shared governance process at UNC Charlotte. Nominate yourself or another qualified faculty member for any of the Faculty Council openings.

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Web Meetings



Launched in August, WebEx is being used by faculty, staff and students to meet with others "live" online: interviews, online student consultations, events, "coffee chats" with colleagues...the possibilities continue to grow! Come to the next WebEx training session on [Thursday, Feb. 26 from 2-3pm](#) or learn more in this [brief article](#).

For general meeting and event use, information about using WebEx for teaching via Canvas is [found here](#).

Class Registration

Advising Holds

With registration right around the corner, it is that time to place advising holds on students' accounts. Requests should be submitted to Beth Dawson at edawson8@uncc.edu by **Monday, February 27**.

In an effort to ensure advising holds are placed accurately and in a timely manner, departments are asked to send an Excel spreadsheet that includes a complete list of students needing advising holds. These spreadsheets can be retrieved from Report Central. A report that could be used is the Cumulative GPA by level, class, college, degree in major order report under the GPA/Credit Hours tab.

Please note:

- Freshman automatically receive an advising hold so these students (class of FR) should be excluded from your request.
- Exclude students who have applied to graduate for the current term.

- If you require a custom message to appear with the advising hold (limit of 30 characters), please include it with your request. (e.g., Contact PBUS advisor)
- One request per department should be submitted.
- Include students who are enrolled in their 4th semester as part of the Graduation Oriented Advising initiative.

If you have issues with Report Central or cannot generate an Excel spreadsheet, please email regconsult@uncc.edu.

Data Science Initiative

National Consortium for Data Science seeks members for Data Fellows program

The National Consortium for Data Science (NCDS), a public-private partnership to advance data science and capitalize on the opportunities of a data-rich society, seeks participants for its 2017 – 2018 Data Fellows program.

The Data Fellows program provides funding to faculty members from NCDS academic member institutions to support research on novel and innovative data science and data-focused business problems. NCDS academic members include all campuses in the University of North Carolina system and Drexel University. The program is open to faculty researchers in all disciplines and domains, with preference given to junior faculty with no more than five years of service. This year, the NCDS will award two fellowships of up to \$30,000 each.

In an effort to promote research initiatives that align with the mission and goals of the NCDS, a list of possible research topics has been included in the call for proposals. Submissions that do not fit into one of the identified research themes will be considered if they address particularly innovative or important data science research questions.

Data Fellows proposals must be submitted by 5 PM on **Friday, April 7, 2017**. All who submit proposals will be notified of their status by April 21, 2017. The one-year fellowships will begin on approximately July 3, 2017. Proposals should be no more than four (4) pages, should be understandable to readers from outside the field of study, and must clearly spell out the expected benefits of collaborating with the NCDS.

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Center for Teaching and Learning

Apply Now to Teach in an Active Learning Classroom!

If you wish to teach in the Active Learning Classrooms, Kennedy 234 or Kennedy 236, during the Fall 2017 semester, please complete the short Request for Kennedy form linked below.

- [REQUEST TO TEACH IN KENNEDY 234 \(seats 36\) FOR FALL 2017](#)
- [REQUEST TO TEACH IN KENNEDY 236 \(seats 126\) FOR FALL 2017](#)

[Read more >>](#)

CTL Workshops - February 20-28

CTL offers a range of professional development opportunities to promote excellence in teaching. Workshops on numerous topics are held throughout the month. See the full [interactive online calendar](#).

Facilitating Difficult Discussions

Join Dr. Coral Wayland, as gives tips on how to keep discussions respectful, while making room for the expression and exploration of multiple viewpoints.

- Tuesday, February 21, 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM ([Register](#))

Refresh Your Research Assignments with Library Responses (Webinar)

Amanda Binder, Social Sciences & History Librarian in Atkins Library, will discuss how The New York Times campus subscription and educational site, and the scholarly journal browsing application, BrowZine, may serve as inspiration for new course assignments, in-class activities, and discussions.

- Wednesday, February 22, 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM ([Register](#))

Check In for Distance Education Faculty

DE faculty will provide a 3 – 5 minute tour of their online or hybrid course and make a plan for finishing the development process.

- Monday, February 27, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM ([Register](#))
- Tuesday, February 28, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM ([Register](#))

The What, Why and How of Integrating Service Learning Into your Course(s)

Service learning is a widely used pedagogy both nationally and here at UNC Charlotte. It is surprisingly versatile and applicable to any discipline and level. Join your colleague, Dr. Kim Buch, as she discusses the what, why, and how of integrating service learning into any course.

- Tuesday, February 28, 9:30 AM – 10:45 AM ([Register](#))

Universal Design for Instructional Material

Join Khaleel Eksheir and Katie Montie, Office of Disability Services, as they discuss, Universal Design, and how full accessibility not only benefits students with disabilities, but also adds quality to your course.

- Tuesday, February 28, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM ([Register](#))

To register for Canvas workshops and other training opportunities, please visit the [Center for Teaching and Learning Website](#).

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.

Topics include:

- Games - do they reduce or induce stress?
- Role of Events and Affect in Perceived Organizational Support
- Application of Complex Adaptive Systems in Portfolio Management

[View All Dissertation Defense Announcements](#)

Upcoming Events

- Feb 21** [Annual Levine Lecture: The Shared Story of Race in the South](#)
- Feb 22** [Great Decisions Lecture Series: Conflict in the South China Sea](#)
- Feb 22** [Marriage & Religion Lecture](#)
- Feb 23** [Palestine to Standing Rock](#)
- Feb 24** [Engaged Scholarship and Community Partnership Symposium](#)
- Feb 24** [CLAS Faculty/Staff Talent Show](#)
- Feb 24** [Accounting Research Workshop](#)
- Feb 26** [Winter Gardens Tour](#)
- Feb 28** [Phi Kappa Phi Spring Faculty Reception](#)
- Mar 1** [AA Council Meeting](#)
- Mar 1** [Great Decisions Lecture Series: Nuclear Security with Dr. Justin Conrad](#)
- Mar 2** [Failure of Ethics](#)
- Mar 4** [Dr. Seuss!](#)

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