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2019 Progress Report for Diversity Plan



A [Progress Report](#) for the UNC Charlotte Plan for Campus Diversity, Access, and Inclusion has recently been completed. The progress report describes our progress toward the seven objectives of the Plan. Data are presented in the report to illustrate work in progress, achievements, and areas for improvement as we strive to create a strong, diverse and inclusive campus that is responsive to the needs of our region and state.

2020-2021 Faculty Research Grants Program

The Faculty Research Grants Committee (FRGC) is soliciting proposals for the 2020-2021 Faculty Research Grants Program. Each individual project may have a maximum budget of \$8,000, including a stipend of up to \$4,200. Faculty submitting joint proposals may request up to \$16,000 (\$8,000 per faculty member).

Guidelines and application forms are available online at [FRG Guidelines and Forms](#). The deadline for submissions is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 14, 2019. To help you learn more about this internally funded program, Lesley Brown, Director of the Center for Research Excellence, is offering an overview session including discussions on how to write a persuasive proposal, how proposals are reviewed, and how to avoid problems with your budget. The following sessions are identical:

- Wednesday, August 28, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., Cameron 303
- Thursday, August 29, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., Cameron 303

Registration is not required. If you can't attend either of these sessions, please call Lesley at 704-687-1880. If you have questions about the FRG Program, please contact FRGC Chair Ritika Prasad at 704-687-5153 or Lesley Brown at 704-687-1880.

EAB Research Partnership



The University has a newly expanded partnership with EAB, a research and technology company based in Washington, DC, that provides best practice research, actionable advice, and implementation tools to leaders of higher education across a wide range of issues. The University has been working with EAB for several years through best practice research forums that focus on academic affairs, business affairs, research, ITS, development, facilities, enrollment management, and continuing and online education. EAB has recently designed a new partnership model for complex institutions like ours. This partnership provides us with unlimited access to the research, findings, and best ideas of thousands of colleges and universities nationwide. All are invited to create an account on www.eab.com which will give you immediate and unlimited access to the EAB's toolkits, research studies, and best practice profiles. Once you log in, you can view recently published articles, best

practice studies focused on perennial issues, hot-topic webinars (live and archived), as well as a robust library of research briefs available for your use.

2019-2020 Faculty Council and FEC Meetings

The 2019-2020 schedule of Faculty Council and Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) meetings is available on the [Faculty Governance website](#).

- **1st FEC meeting** - Thursday, September 5, 1:00 p.m., Reese 211
- **1st Faculty Council meeting** - Thursday, September 26, 1:00 p.m., Cameron 101

The deadline for placing items on the agenda is approximately one week prior to the actual meeting date. Since most items must also go through one of our faculty governance committees for their review and recommendations, the entire cycle should be considered in meeting your organization's needs.

Library



Visualizing Twitter Workshop

Atkins Library will host a workshop to introduce UNC Charlotte faculty and graduate students to a curriculum project that engages students in an exploration of Twitter and public discourse. This workshop will walk participants through the steps of conceiving, planning, executing, and assessing a two-week unit that invites students to explore the relationship among social media, visualization of large datasets, and humanities questions. We will examine and evaluate a completed sample unit, discuss the pedagogical benefits and drawbacks of the visualization software Tableau, and develop familiarity with some of the classroom applications of Twitter. More information at <https://guides.library.uncc.edu/DigitalHumanities>.

- Friday, September 13, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., VisLab in Area 49 (2nd Floor of Atkins Library) (*Advance registration is required by September 4*). Participants must bring a laptop and commit to participating in the entire 3-hour workshop.

Atkins Out Loud Schedule Announced

Join Atkins Library for another semester of performances by UNC Charlotte faculty, students, and guest performers! Atkins Out Loud events are held in the Halton Reading Room and light refreshments are provided.

- Wednesday, September 4, 12 noon - 1:00 p.m. - Lecture Performance: Pablo Francisco Ruvalcaba & Martha Graham Dancer - Lorenzo Pagano
- Wednesday, September 11, 12 noon - 1:00 p.m. - Ballet Artist Myrna Kamara, Director of Ballet Xtreme
- Thursday, November 14, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Trumpet Ensemble
- Monday, December 2, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Afro-Brazilian Dance

Adjunct Faculty Learning Community

Adjunct faculty are invited to apply to participate in this semester's Adjunct Faculty Learning Community. For details and to apply, visit the [Adjunct Faculty Learning Community webpage](#). The deadline to apply is September 10.

Charlotte Kids Fest



Hosted on the UNC Charlotte campus, [Charlotte Kids Fest](#) seeks to inspire and motivate young minds with professional artistic, creative, educational, and playful experiences. We are once again looking for faculty and students to participate in this festival – introducing over 6,000 kids and their families to activities that will encourage them to play, discover, learn, and create. To learn more about the festival and how you and/or your students can get involved, email Jordan Harris at jordanharris@uncc.edu.

- Saturday, October 5, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., CRI Campus, UNC Charlotte ([Register](#))

Undergraduate Research

OUR Open House

Please join the Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) for an Open House. This will be a great opportunity to meet the OUR Team and learn more about OUR programs, research initiatives, and professional development opportunities for our undergraduate students. For more information, email undergradresearch@uncc.edu or visit the [OUR website](#).

- Wednesday, August 28, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Atkins Library, Area 49, Suite 237



Undergraduate Research Conference 2020

Save the Date for the [Undergraduate Research Conference \(URC\) 2020](#), which will be on Friday, April 17, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. The URC 2020 registration will open in January. Please encourage your undergraduate students to submit their research projects for presentation at the URC 2020.

CONNECT Training and Early Alerts

Numerous CONNECT training sessions are scheduled for Fall 2019. These training sessions will include Early Alert Training. Early Alerts are due for all 1XXX/2XXX courses by noon on Friday, September 13. Information on fall training for advisors and faculty for CONNECT, including the link for registration, can be found on the [Academic Advising Technology Training webpage](#). Departments may also request to schedule their own training session to be held during a departmental meeting by contacting Stephanie Westine, Advising Systems Administrator, at swestine@uncc.edu, or LeeFredrick Bowen, Director for Academic Advising Systems, at lbowen11@uncc.edu.

Charlotte Teachers Institute



UNC Charlotte Faculty Apply to Lead a Seminar with CMS Teachers

Calling all UNC Charlotte Faculty! Are you interested in sharing your expertise with Charlotte-Mecklenburg School teachers? Are you interested in helping teachers gain confidence and knowledge? Then you should submit a seminar idea to the Charlotte Teachers Institute. [Submit an idea](#). Deadline is Tuesday, September 3, 2019. Contact CTI Director [Scott Gartlan](#) with questions.



CTI SRET and Civil Rights/Racial Equity Trip Reception

Please join us on Thursday, September 5, 2019, to celebrate and learn about CMS teachers' research this summer in five university research laboratories, as well as stories from 28 CMS teachers who participated in the 2019 Civil Rights/Racial Equity trip this summer. CTI is hosting the 2019 SRET and Civil Rights/Racial Equity trip reception and poster session from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Johnson C. Smith University's STEM Hall/New Science Building. The reception is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

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](#)

Upcoming Events

This Week:

Aug 28-29 Faculty Research Grants Program Overview (see above article)
Aug 30 [International Student Welcome Party](#)

Next Week:

Sep 5 [International Coffee Hour](#)
Sep 8 [Friendship and Culture Exchange Program Deadline](#)

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

