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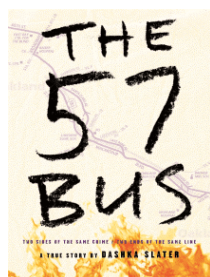
Archived Messages to Faculty Provide Direction During Pandemic

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.

Election Results for 2020-2021 Faculty Governance Positions

The 2020-2021 elections for Faculty Governance campus-wide positions concluded April 17th. [The election results are posted on the Faculty Governance website.](#) Thank you to those participating in the democratic process and congratulations to the winners.

Fall 2020 Common Reading Experience Book Selection



*One teenager in a skirt.
One teenager with a lighter.
One moment that changes both of their lives forever.*

If it weren't for the 57 bus, Sasha and Richard never would have met. Both were high school students from Oakland, California, one of the most diverse cities in the country, but they inhabited different worlds. Sasha, a white teen, lived in the middle-class foothills and attended a small private school. Richard, a black teen, lived in the crime-plagued flatlands and attended a large public one. Each day, their paths overlapped for a mere eight minutes. But one afternoon on the bus ride home from school, a single reckless act left Sasha severely burned, and Richard charged with two hate crimes and facing life imprisonment. The case garnered international attention, thrusting both teenagers into the spotlight.
(Source: Macmillian Publishers)

[The 57 Bus](#) by Dashka Slater has been selected as UNC Charlotte's Common Reading Experience (CRE) text for Fall 2020. The committee is confident that this sensitive, powerful book will spark discussions of systemic inequalities, cultural diversity, and self-awareness. We are excited to see what instructors who adopt the text will be able to do for and with their students to increase their understanding of a complex world. We encourage wide-scale campus engagement with, and first-year course adoption of, *The 57 Bus*.

Author Dashka Slater will visit campus and speak to the public at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2020.

