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Make Your Voice Heard: How Can the University Drive Meaningful Change?

The Council on University Community Working Group (CCWG) invites UNC Charlotte students, faculty, staff and alumni to participate in an online survey designed to capture responses to a question presented by Chancellor Philip L. Dubois in a statement condemning the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. Chance W. Lewis, Ph.D., the Provost's Diversity Faculty Fellow and CCWG chair, encouraged the campus community to offer suggestions for ways UNC Charlotte can drive lasting change toward creating and sustaining a campus culture that exemplifies equity and inclusion. The survey will close on Wednesday, July 1, 2020; please share your perspective today.

Resources and Actions Related to State Violence Against Black and Brown People

The ADVANCE Faculty Affairs and Diversity Office has compiled a list of resources and actions related to state violence against black and brown people and also Racism in Academia. To access these resources, visit the ADVANCE website. If you would like to include any other pertinent resources on the webpage, email Andrea Dulin or advanceuncc@uncc.edu.

New Guidance Available for Fall Course Delivery

New information and guidance is now available for faculty and academic leaders planning for fall 2020. Please visit the Provost's Planning for Reopening site for suggested syllabus language for face coverings in the classroom and hybrid courses, links to student communication and guides related to course delivery changes, FAQs and other pertinent information.

2020-2021 Catalogs Now Available Online

The new 2020-2021 Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs are now available online. The newly published catalogs contain new or revised programs and courses that have reached final approval through Curriculog. Please note that the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs are each published online once per year. Curriculum proposals currently in progress and any new proposals will be effective for and appear in future catalogs.

The Catalogs website now also features a new responsive design to provide an optimal mobile experience. The layout automatically adjusts for viewing the Catalogs on a large monitor, laptop, tablet, or smartphone.

Multimedia Custom Creation Available to Instructors

The Academic Media Production Team (AMPT) offers professional multimedia services for faculty and academic staff. Contact them for assistance creating custom, high-quality and engaging digital media elements for your academic courses. Services include interactive educational media, voiceovers, interviews, podcasts, lightboard demonstrations, location-based recordings, 360 videos, presentations, animations and more. For more information, visit the [AMPT webpage](#) or email [AMP-Team@uncc.edu](#).

Smelser Serves as Interim Dean for College of Engineering

Ron Smelser will serve as interim dean for The William States Lee College of Engineering until early August when Rob Keynton joins the University as the new dean of the college. Ron has been with UNC Charlotte since 2003 and continues to provide excellent leadership in his role as the college's senior associate dean for academic affairs. He will have the important task of leading the college during this difficult period as plans are finalized for our fall reopening. Ron is well known around the campus as a member of dozens of committees for the University and college. As professor of mechanical engineering, he also is affiliated with our Honors College and has continued to teach while attending to his many administrative responsibilities. Ron brings deep industry roots to the job, having worked as a senior associate with Alcoa Technical Center. His work with EPIC includes energy engineering talent development for large component design and manufacturing.

Teaching and Learning Connection Has New Interim Leader

Asher Haines now serves as Interim Executive Director of the Teaching and Learning Connection (TLC), reporting to Jay Raja, Senior Associate Provost. He will also continue to fulfill his current role as Director of Continuing Education. TLC comprises the Audiovisual Integration and Support for Learning Environments team ([AISLE](#)), Center for Teaching and Learning ([CTL](#)), Continuing Education ([CE](#)), Distance Education ([DE](#)), and Summer School ([SS](#)). Under the banner of TLC, these teams are united in their mission to expand UNC Charlotte's impact and fuel enrollment growth by powering innovative educational services and programs.

Digital Course Enhancement Resource Collections Launch Date

The University of North Carolina (UNC) System, through the efforts of almost 70 faculty and staff, will soon deliver digital course resource collections aligned with ten high-demand courses. This will support faculty and universities across the UNC System, as we continue to offer online instruction during the summer and prepare for Fall 2020. These educational resources will be available the week of June 30, 2020. The ten course collections support Accounting 1, Anatomy & Physiology, Biology 1, Calculus 1, Chemistry 1, Chemistry 2, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Organic Chemistry 1, and Statistics (Intro). The guiding framework in the development of these resources for the above courses is to:

- Focus on a targeted list of high-demand courses that are common across many institutions with large enrollment numbers;
- Bring together small teams of top faculty, librarian, and instructional design talent within the UNC System to develop a library of content and digital resources that faculty can use to enhance and improve their online or face-to-face courses;
- To the extent possible, provide open educational resources.

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops

Fall 2020 Curriculum Models Q&A: Faculty are invited to join a conversation with AISLE, UGE, Disability Services, 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 18, 3:00 - 4:00 PM (*[Register](#)*)

Copyright for Remote Learning: Kate Dickson, Copyright Librarian for Atkins Library, will discuss fair use, openly licensed materials, and resources available through the library.

- Wednesday, June 17, 10:00 - 11:00 AM (*[Register](#)*)

Online Teaching Foundations, a self-paced online workshop. (*[Register](#)*)

Resources to Help You Design Your Course

Did you know you can get expert instructional design guidance from a CTL Instructional Designer? Learn more:
- [What Can an Instructional Designer Do For You?](#)
- [Faculty Perspectives on Working with an Instructional Designer](#)

Ignite Planning Grants: COVID-19 Flash Grant Request for Proposals

The School of Data Science and Research and Economic Development are pleased to announce a special call of the Ignite Planning Grants Program for investigators who wish to prepare proposals that respond to funding opportunities associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Ignite planning grants are intended to enhance existing areas of excellence, accelerate the development of emerging research strengths, and foster interactions between UNC Charlotte faculty and potential collaborators at other institutions. The COVID-19 Flash Grants are intended to support and incentivize stronger collaborative relationships among researchers from different colleges and disciplines with the goal of positioning teams to be able to respond to new, external funding opportunities related to COVID-19.

Faculty and staff teams can apply for one-time grants of between $5,000-$10,000 for 3-6 months. Teams that engage with one of our [University Business Partners](#) will be eligible for an additional $5,000, for a total of up to $15,000. Flash Grant proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis between May 1 and September 1, 2020. We anticipate being able to complete the review of proposals within three weeks of submission. Therefore, PIs should anticipate a project start date that is one month from the date of submission. Visit this [site](#) for complete submission details for the COVID-19 Flash Grants. Questions regarding this program should be directed to [Lesley Brown](#), Director of the Center for Research Excellence.

Resources for Planning for Fall 2020 Reopening

Resources for planning for the Fall 2020 reopening are available on the [Office of the Provost website](#). This includes new information about faculty training and classroom technology upgrades, as well as FAQs related to course delivery. 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. Faculty members and department chairs should coordinate course delivery and instruction plans with their associate dean.

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 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