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Welcome Message from Provost

Dear colleagues:

As we start this academic year amid a global pandemic, I want to thank each of you for your tremendous flexibility and ingenuity in preparing for the fall semester. I am proud to be among solutions-focused colleagues who work diligently to provide the best possible academic experience for our students. I would like to extend a special thanks to Faculty President Joel Avrin and the members of the Fall Planning Advisory Group for working all summer to identify and resolve many of the challenges we will face this year.

While we may not see each other in person, please know that you are not alone. Whether you are on campus or online, we are here to help. We are all in this together. Your department and unit colleagues can be a great source of support but do not hesitate to seek assistance from the multiple departments supporting faculty.

While this academic year will look different, I am confident that we can be successful in spite of the challenges. Stay safe and stay positive.

Sincerely,

Joan F. Lorden

2020-2021 Faculty Council and FEC Meetings

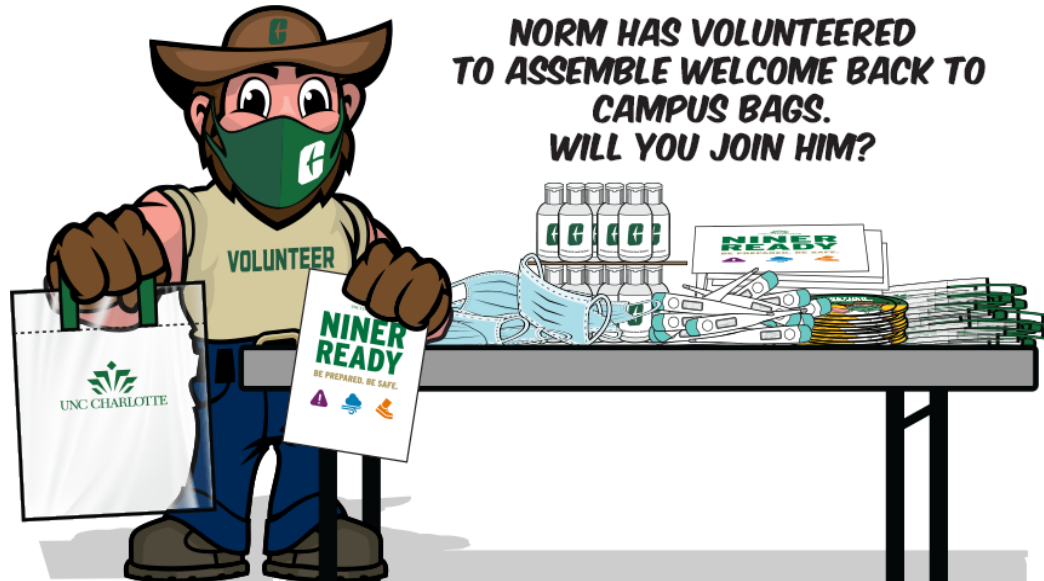
The 2020-2021 schedule of Faculty Council and Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) meetings is available on the [Faculty Governance website](#). The first FEC meeting will be held Thursday, September 3, 2020, at 1:00 PM. The first Faculty Council meeting will be held Thursday, September 24, 2020, at 1:00 PM. 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.

Learning Curriculog, the Course & Curriculum Management System

Please note that all four Curriculog training sessions take place in the fall semester -- two sessions for learning how to create proposals and two open swim sessions. To learn more about Curriculog and to register for the training sessions, visit the [Curriculog Training](#) page of the Faculty Governance website.

- **Curriculog Training - Creating Proposals**
Thursday, September 17, 2:30 - 3:45 PM
Friday, October 9, 2:30 - 3:45 PM
- **Curriculog Training - Open Swim**
Monday, October 26, 4:00 - 5:00 PM
Tuesday, December 15, 1:00 - 2:15 PM

Assistance Needed to Prep and Distribute 'Welcome Back to Campus' Kits



**NORM HAS VOLUNTEERED
TO ASSEMBLE WELCOME BACK TO
CAMPUS BAGS.
WILL YOU JOIN HIM?**

The University will provide Welcome Back to Campus Kits for all students, faculty and staff for the fall semester. These kits will help promote the safety of Niner Nation. Business Services needs volunteers to help stuff Welcome Back to Campus kits and distribute them to commuter students. Please consider helping out and sign up today!

- [Kit \(bag\) stuffing](#) (August 17-21)
- [Kit distribution](#) (September 7-10)

Cultural Ambassador Student Panels Available to Faculty/Staff



The Office of International Programs' International Student and Scholar Office is pleased to offer Cultural Ambassador panel presentations to staff members for meetings or trainings, and to faculty who teach course content that could be enhanced by hearing the perspectives of international students in their class. The [Cultural Ambassador Program](#) conducts international student panel presentations in classrooms or trainings with a member of the International Student and Scholar Office staff to facilitate. Faculty or staff interested in having Cultural Ambassadors present to your group (with presentations offered from October 12 to November 24) should complete the online [Cultural Ambassador Program request form](#).

Note: All Fall panels will be conducted virtually. The online request deadline for fall presentations is Monday, September 14. A staff member will reach out shortly after this deadline to confirm the date and time of your panel and to coordinate questions with you. Contact intlssso@uncc.edu with any questions.

COVID-19 Non-Student Temp Positions Available Immediately

Research and Economic Development is hiring individuals to work as **COVID-19 Containment, Contact Tracers**. Information on the position is available on the [UNC Charlotte jobs website](#). Hiring is also underway for **COVID-19 Containment, Case Investigators**. Details for this position are also available on the [UNC Charlotte jobs website](#).

RFP for UNC System Undergraduate Research Program Award

This grant mechanism provides funding to universities or consortia of universities within the UNC System to support and enhance undergraduate research. Although inter-institutional collaboration is not a requirement, proposals that significantly

involve two or more UNC institutions are encouraged and have the potential for a higher overall score and priority funding. If you are interested in applying, please submit a pre-proposal according to this [format](#) no later than 12:00 p.m. on August 28 to [Dr. Erin Banks](#).

RFP Focus and Scope: The UNC System's Undergraduate Research Directors Council (URDC) has identified three areas of focus for this [RFP](#): Course-based Undergraduate Research Experiences, Inclusive Excellence, and Digital Learning. The areas are broadly defined, and the URDC welcomes proposals related to the scope of these three areas, either separately or in combination. In addition to the UNC System focus areas, UNC Charlotte has defined two priority areas. They are (1) Community-based research and civic engagement, and (2) Creating Access and Equity for engagement in high-impact practices for UR students (i.e., first generation college students, students from underrepresented groups, transfer students, non-traditional students. Non-traditional students are defined as military/veterans and older adult learners).

Each proposal should include an assessment plan. Successful proposals will articulate a clear plan to have continued impact after the grant period and expand its reach and effectiveness. Competitive proposals will include interdepartmental and/or inter-institutional collaboration. NOTE: The University may submit only two proposals for the University of North Carolina Undergraduate Research Program Award.

Award Information: A total of \$75,000 is budgeted for FY 2020-2021 solicitation. Awards will range from \$7,500 to \$35,000; therefore, the maximum budget per award is \$35,000 and for use in FY21 only. Funds should be available at the institutions by November 2020. All awards are non-recurring state funds, must be expended by the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2021—carryover/forward is not allowed), and are subject to state fund regulations, which includes restrictions on uses, including, but not limited to: no food or beverages for meetings/conferences, no out-of-country travel, and no uses for students' tuition.

J. Murrey Atkins Library News

Atkins Announces Offsite Storage Location

UNC Charlotte has signed a lease on 44,233 square feet of warehouse space for offsite storage to house low-use print materials in order to provide library space needed to accommodate the growing student population. J. Murrey Atkins Library's offsite storage is located at a new warehouse facility on Derita Road in Concord and is a 15-minute drive from the main campus. [Full announcement](#)

Library Materials for Your Classes

Are you looking for materials to include in your classes this fall? In [this infographic](#), Atkins Library shares a variety of resources that allow you to do just that.

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops

- **Using Poll Everywhere in Online and Hybrid Courses**
Tuesday, August 18, 10:00 - 11:00 AM ([Register](#))
- **Online Group Presentations**
Tuesday, August 18, 1:30 - 3:00 PM ([Register](#))
- **Designing Your Online Course**
Wednesday, August 19, and Friday, August 21, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM ([Register](#))
Wednesday, August 19, and Friday, August 21, 1:00 - 4:00 PM ([Register](#))
- **Kaltura Quick Start**
Wednesday, August 19, 10:00 - 11:00 AM ([Register](#))
- **Library Resources and Instruction for Students**
Wednesday, August 19, 1:30 - 3:00 PM ([Register](#))
- **Canvas Quizzing**
Thursday, August 20, 10:00 - 11:00 AM ([Register](#))
- **Using Cognitive Empathy in the Classroom**
Thursday, August 20, 2:00 - 3:00 PM ([Register](#))
- **Canvas Assignments and Gradebook**
Friday, August 21, 10:00 - 11:00 AM ([Register](#))

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.

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:

August [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)

August [Diversity Events on campus](#)

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

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Deadline for submission is 11:00 a.m. every Friday.
Send submissions to academicaffairs@uncc.edu.*