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Seminar re: Sensor Integrated Personalized Defense System

Please join The William States Lee College of Engineering for a seminar with Dr. Paul Cherukuri on Smart Helmet: Sensor Integrated Personalized Defense System. Dr. Cherukuri is the Executive Director of the Institute of Biosciences and Bioengineering where he provides leadership for Rice University's only interdisciplinary research institute dedicated to fostering bio-related innovation for 150 affiliated faculty members spanning the Schools of Natural Sciences, Engineering, Social Sciences, and Humanities. His current research includes directed self-assembly of living and artificial materials (Teslaphoresis), cold plasma therapy, and wearable biosensors.

- Monday, December 6, 11:00 AM, EPIC G256

Listening Session re: Faculty Compensation

The Faculty Employment Status Committee (FESC) is hosting a Virtual Town Hall and Listening Session with Chancellor Gaber and Provost Lorden regarding concerns about compensation. A subcommittee of the FESC is currently studying faculty pay-related issues including cost of living adjustments, health insurance expenses, pay equity, pay compression, performance related bonuses, adjunct salaries, and overall compensation related competitiveness with regard to the peer institutions. It is important that the administration hear directly from the faculty regarding compensation related concerns. Dr. Susan B. Harden, Faculty President, will be moderating the session. [More information.](#)

- Thursday, December 9, 4:00 - 5:00 PM, via [Zoom](#)

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops**Improving Student Engagement: Increasing Attendance and Effective Time Management**

This Active Learning Academy workshop is presented by Matt Metzgar (Economics), Monika Sawhney (Public Health Sciences), and Mary Ellen Muesing (Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies). Many instructors created online lectures and resources during our virtual learning time. With these additional resources available, class attendance may suffer and students may become overwhelmed with the variety of different learning paths. In this workshop, we will explore how online resources affect these outcomes. We will present strategies to increase in-class attendance and help students manage time and resources effectively.

- Thursday, December 9, 10:00 - 11:00 AM ([Register](#))

December 10 Award Nomination Deadline

The nomination deadline for the following awards is December 10, 2021. Please consider nominating and honoring your colleagues. More detailed information can be found on the [Awards & Honors](#) page of the Office of the Provost website.

- [Bonnie E. Cone Early-Career Professorship in Teaching](#)
- [Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching](#)

Course and Curriculum Deadlines for 2022-2023 Catalogs

December 31 is the deadline for course and curriculum proposals. Submit your proposals now in Curriculog to help ensure your proposals reach final approval in time for publication in the next Catalog. Only timely course and program proposals will be included. For more information, visit [Course and Curriculum Deadlines and FAQs](#). A Curriculog Open Swim session will be held December 13, 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. To learn more about Curriculog and to register for training, visit [Curriculog Training](#).

Clear Bag Policy for Commencement

For the December commencement ceremonies, masks are required and a [clear bag policy](#) will be enforced at the Student Activity Center. Please visit the [commencement website](#) for ceremony information.

Paper Chase Deadline Extended

Training Program on a Collaborative Writing Model for Disseminating Research Rapidly

Are you a faculty member looking to increase your research publication productivity? Do you have research data waiting to be published? Are you willing to mentor UNC Charlotte students on their research and writing skills? The Paper Chase program, sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Research, is intended to train students and faculty on an effective method to communicate research results. Visit the [Office of Undergraduate Research website](#) for more information. Faculty applications are due January 5, 2022.

Graduate Faculty Mentor Training

The Graduate School will offer Mentor Training for graduate faculty on January 7, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. This session will be face-to-face in the Student Union. All participants are asked to wear a mask. Please consider joining the 170 faculty who have already completed this training -- 100% of the attendees said the training was a good use of their time. The curriculum for this training comes from the Center for the Improvement of the Mentored Experience in Research at the University of Wisconsin. It is highly interactive and includes a variety of useful resources and tools. Attendance will be capped at 16 people; [please sign-up early](#).

Intercultural Opportunity: Request International Student Panel for Classroom, Trainings

Course content and/or various types of training can be enhanced by hearing the perspectives from representatives of UNC Charlotte's international student population. The Office of International Programs' International Student and Scholar Office (ISSO) offers the [Cultural Ambassador Program](#) to the campus community, whereby ISSO facilitates panel presentations by international students in cooperation with the instructor or department. Faculty or staff interested in inviting cultural ambassadors to present to a group should complete the [Cultural Ambassador program request form](#). The request deadline for spring 2022 presentations is Monday, January 17.

Nominations Open for Thomas L. Reynolds Graduate Leadership Award

Honoring excellence in graduate program administration, the Thomas L. Reynolds Leadership Award recognizes excellent leadership and outstanding service by a Graduate Program Director or Coordinator. Nominations for 2021-22 will be accepted through January 28. Graduate Program Directors and Coordinators are leadership positions for the University and play an important and pivotal role in the success of our graduate students. These leaders must not only manage and shape the direction of their programs to ensure the academic success of their students, but must also serve as advocates for graduate education at all levels. Doing this well, deserves recognition and praise. The recipient receives a cash award, an engraved plaque, and their name engraved on a perpetual trophy. Associate Professor of Architecture Peter Wong was selected to receive the Thomas L. Reynolds Leadership Award for 2020-2021 for his contributions to student success above and beyond his teaching role. For additional information and to submit a nomination visit the [Reynolds Leadership Award webpage](#).

Women + Girls Research Alliance Awards Seed Funding

The Women + Girls Research Alliance has awarded seed funding for six research projects focused on the disproportionate, negative impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on women and girls as it relates to the workforce, health, and community. [See the full list of recipients and project details.](#)

In March 2021, the W+GRA in partnership with Ally Financial and Bank of America held its bi-annual summit, "Recovery and Discovery: Women & Girls in a Dual Pandemic." The summit focused on the impact of COVID-19 on education, employment, health, domestic violence, and the economic mobility of women and girls in our Charlotte metropolitan community. This led to research centered around what C. Nicole Mason calls a "she-cession...an economic downturn where job and income losses are affecting women more than men." This is the W+GRA's focus for the foreseeable future, as the Charlotte region continues to deal with the aftermath of the pandemic and the recession.

Academic Suspension Appeal Tool

A team of Enrollment Management and Academic Advising staff have been working together, in conjunction with OneIT, to create a streamlined Appeal Tool to provide undergraduate students with a user-friendly portal to submit appeals. In May, the team launched the Financial Aid SAP Appeal and later this month the Academic Suspension Appeal will be added to the tool. Additional appeal types will be considered to be included in the future.

Faculty Council News

Please visit the Faculty Governance website for the latest news from the Faculty Council including:

- [Meeting Schedules](#)
- [Agendas/Minutes](#)
- [Latest News](#)

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](#) or visit the [Academic Affairs Division News webpage](#).

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To have items included in the digest, complete the [NEWS DIGEST REQUEST FORM](#).
Deadline for submission is 11:00 a.m. every Friday.*