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Faculty Input Requested on CLAS Reorganization Summary Report

The Committee on CLAS Review has completed its summary report of possible options for the organization of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. The report findings indicate that the current structure of CLAS, a reorganization of CLAS, or the establishment of a two- or three-college model, are all viable approaches. As a next step in the CLAS Review process, all members of faculty are invited to review the summary report and to provide input by this [3-question survey](#) by Thursday, May 12. The CLAS review process will pause during the summer and will resume in Fall 2022 with further discussion with the Faculty Council.

Faculty Vote on Change to the Constitution

The Faculty Council, at its April 28, 2022, meeting, voted to approve a consistent term start date of the first day of the Academic Year for all University-level faculty governance positions. This change requires revisions to both the *Standing Rules of the Faculty Council* and the *Constitution of the Faculty*. Any change to the Constitution requires approval of the Faculty. Faculty are asked to vote on this change by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 13. The ballot contains a description of the proposed change and rationale plus a link to the proposal. [VOTE: SurveyShare link to ballot.](#)

Academic Policy Changes

The Faculty Council approved changes to the following UNC Charlotte Academic Policies at its March 31 and April 28 meetings. The updated policies with revision history are posted on the [Academic Policies and Procedures webpage](#).

- [Academic Appeal and Grievance](#)
- [Academic Distinctions](#)
- [Catalogs](#)
- [Grading](#)
- [Graduate Continuous Registration and Leave of Absence](#)
- [Graduate Transfer Credit](#)

Take Action During Mental Health Awareness Month

May is mental health month, a month specifically dedicated to spreading the word about the impact of mental health on individuals and communities, while working to decrease stigma and increase help-seeking. While 1 in 5 people will experience a mental illness during their lifetime, everyone faces challenges in life that can impact their mental health. As mental health allies, we are charged with fostering a community of care; a community able to not just recognize someone is struggling, but having the skills to step in, offer support and connect others with appropriate resources. Please consider attending one of the training sessions below so that you can become a mental health ally.

- Mental Health First Aid Training
Wednesday, May 18–Thursday, May 19, 1:15 - 4:15 PM ([Register](#))
These sessions are specifically for faculty, staff, graduate assistants and teaching assistants. Both sessions are required.
- QPR (Question, Persuade, and Refer) Training
Tuesday, June 14, 1:00 - 2:30 PM ([Register](#))
This session is specifically for faculty, staff, graduate assistants and teaching assistants.

Register Now for North Carolina Economic Forecast

In March, North Carolina's economy fully returned to the employment level it enjoyed before the pandemic. However, inflation, the war in Ukraine, and continuing uncertainty around COVID-19 are creating economic uncertainty here in North Carolina and across the country. John Connaughton, Professor of Financial Economics in the Belk College of Business, will break down the latest numbers as he releases the "North Carolina Economic Forecast Second Quarter Report" with a live Zoom presentation and Q&A at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 19. [Register now.](#)

BRIDGES Application Deadline

The BRIDGES Academic Leadership Program is an inclusive professional development program dedicated to supporting cisgender or transgender women and nonbinary colleagues in higher education who seek to gain or strengthen their academic leadership capabilities, and/or individuals who demonstrate a commitment to supporting women and gender issues and equity in the academy. Individuals of any gender identity who want to position themselves for advancement in the academy and/or who demonstrate a strong interest or commitment to supporting women and gender equity in the academy are encouraged to apply. Applications are due May 20. For details on how to apply, visit the [BRIDGES site](#).

Virtual Workshop: The Art of Infographics for Communicating Your Research

Elevate the reach of your research, policy, community partnerships, or business through the art of infographics. Join the Department of Public Health Sciences for a one-hour interactive workshop on Tuesday, May 10 at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. The workshop will cover the basics of infographic design, critique and improve existing infographics, and conduct a live demonstration of how to develop an infographic. Submit your recent research article for a chance to be selected for the live demonstration.

The workshop will be presented by Dr. Becca Krukowski, Professor at the University of Virginia Department of Public Health Sciences and co-lead of the Community Based Health Equity research program. Dr. Krukowski was trained in communication at the Alan Alda Science Communication Bootcamp and the Op-Ed Project workshop. She has been creating infographics since 2017, to improve the reach of her research to the public, research participants, and other scientists.

[Register here](#) to attend or receive a recording.

J. Murrey Atkins Library Events

Notice of Domain Change to Library Resources

Atkins Library will be updating links from inside the library system and databases to specific resources beginning May 16th at 10 a.m. to comply with the university domain change from [uncc.edu](#) to [charlotte.edu](#). The library will maintain redirect links through next summer. Research Guides/LibGuides will not be updated until the intercession between Summer I and Summer II. If you experience any issues with library links over the next few weeks, [please contact us](#).

Atkins' Self-Care Collection

Feeling stressed? Check out the new Self-Care Collection at Atkins Library. Featuring a mix of books and devices, these items allow you to create calming physical environments, engage in meditation, and adopt new self-care strategies.

Collection items include:

- White noise machines
- Light and color therapy lamps
- Guided meditation machines
- Books focusing on self-care activities, burnout, and mental health topics

Grab a book from our Self-Care Collection on the main floor of the library. Bring books to and request other items in this collection at the Information & Research Desk. This collection was generously funded with Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds provided by The Center for Counseling at Psychological Services (CAPS).

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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The [DAA News Digest](#) is distributed each Monday to Academic Affairs faculty and staff.

To have items included in the digest, complete the [NEWS DIGEST REQUEST FORM](#).

Deadline for submission is 11:00 a.m. every Friday.