

# DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

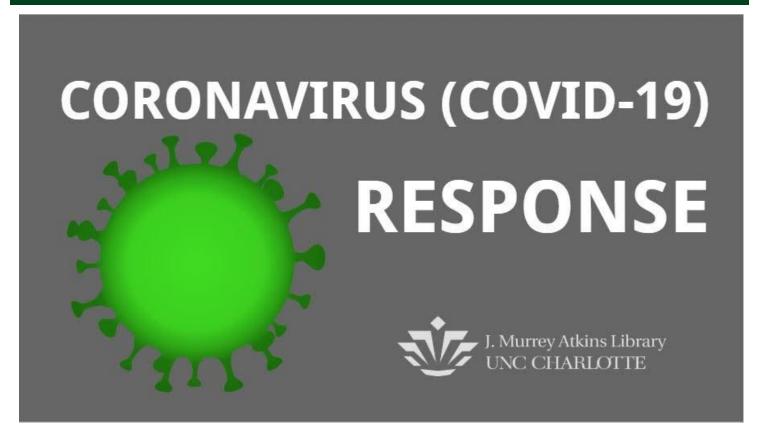
WEEKLY NEWS DIGEST

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## J. Murrey Atkins Library News



Beginning on Monday, March 16, and through the duration of UNC Charlotte's response to the coronavirus (COVID-19), Atkins Library will remain open to students for access to resources and serve as a study space. More info on hours and services

### Wiley Resources for Online Teaching

Wiley Online has announced its online materials, tools, and eBooks are being made freely available to instructors and students. You just need to request access.

- WileyPLUS
- Knewton
- zvBooks

LAST WEEK FOR NOMINATIONS: 2020-2021 Faculty Governance Positions

The Faculty of UNC Charlotte are charged with the responsibility for making policy decisions regarding the curriculum, academic standards, and the allocation of internal research funds. We are also charged with important advisory responsibilities regarding our working schedule and conditions, the university budget, facilities planning, administrative appointments, and other elements of institutional policy and operation that touch us directly and indirectly.

These responsibilities are carried out through a system of shared governance which constitutes the framework within which we can carry out our own work, and contribute to the overall academic mission and culture of UNC Charlotte. Faculty participation in governance is what we have to do in order to retain the autonomy to conduct our research, teach our students, disseminate knowledge, and build the academic community in ways we see fit.

Please consider how you or someone you respect might become part of the shared governance process at UNC Charlotte. Nominate yourself or another qualified faculty member for any of the following openings. (If you don't want to think of it as service to the institution, think of it as furthering the long-term interests of yourself, your discipline, and the faculty at large!)

A brief description of each committee listed below can be found at: https://facultygovernance.uncc.edu/fc-committees

To make a nomination email facultygovernance@uncc.edu with your nomination(s) for the appropriate positions. Please submit all nominations by March 20, 2020.

- President-Elect\*\*, one-year term and then two-year term as President
- Chair\*\*, Competitive Grants Committee (CGC), two-year term
- Chair\*\*, Faculty Academic Policy and Standards Committee (FAPSC), two-year term
- Chair\*\*, Faculty Legacy Scholarship Committee (FLSC), two-year term
- Chair\*\*, Faculty Research Grants Committee (FRGC), two-year term
- Chair\*\*, Faculty Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SOTL) Grants Committee, two-year term
- Chair\*\*, Nominations, Honors, and Awards Committee (NHAC), two-year term
- Chair\*\*, Part-Time Faculty Committee (PTFC), one-year term
- Chair\*\*, Undergraduate Course and Curriculum Committee (UCCC), two-year term
- Chair\*\*, University College Faculty Council (UCFC), two-year term
- Faculty Assembly Delegate: Two (2) members, three-year term
- Grievance Committee\*\*: Three (3) members, four-year term
- Hearing Committee\*\*: Five (5) members, four-year term
- Teaching Excellence Awards Committee: One (1) member\*\*, two-year term
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  - \*\* Nominees must be tenured members of the Faculty.
  - ~ Nominees must be non-tenure track faculty.

For questions about these positions, contact Faculty Governance Assistant Matt Wyse.

## Research and Economic Development Extends Deadline for Catalyst 2020

The deadline for applications to the 2020 Catalyst Boot Camp has been extended until Monday, March 23, at 5:00 pm. Full details can be found in the <u>Catalyst Program Description 2020</u>. For questions about the application process, please contact <u>Lesley Brown</u>, Director, Center for Research Excellence.

Catalyst is a professional development and mentoring program to help faculty members successfully apply for grants from state and federal agencies, foundations and nonprofits. The goal of the program is to enhance the research and creative capacity of the University and institutionalize systemic support for the advancement and success of early- and mid-career faculty by: (1) providing comprehensive training in the preparation of competitive grant proposals, (2) establishing a peer mentoring program, and (3) creating a community of practice aimed at facilitating and promoting the engagement of diverse groups of faculty in disciplinary and interdisciplinary research and creative activity.

Beginning in 2020, the Catalyst Boot Camp program will feature two tracks that will run concurrently: Catalyst for STEM+ and Catalyst for the Arts and Humanities.

## **Undergraduate Research Conference Cancelled**

In light of the recent outbreak of COVID-19, this year's Undergraduate Research Conference (URC) that was scheduled for Friday, April 17 will be cancelled. We appreciate all of your support as we work together to create opportunities for our

students to share their research. We plan to still compile the URC Abstract book, which will have the abstracts from the students who registered for URC 2020. This book will be posted in a PDF form on the Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) website in early April. We encourage you to continue mentoring your students as they prepare for other presentation opportunities at the local, regional or national level. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us at 704-687-5316 or visit the OUR website.

## **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. <u>View All Dissertation Defense Announcements</u>

### **Latest AA News**

For up-to-the-minute news from Academic Affairs (faculty awards, research, recognition, initiatives), follow us on Twitter (<a href="https://www.twitter.com/UNCC\_Academics">www.twitter.com/UNCC\_Academics</a>) or visit the <a href="https://www.twitter.com/UNCC\_Academics">Academic Affairs Division News webpage</a>.

## **Upcoming Events**

This Week:

Mar-May UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events

Mar-May Diversity Events on campus

Mar 16 Marian Beane Crossing Borders Student Writing Competition Submission DeadlineMar 16 International Education Awards Faculty and Student Nomination Submission Deadlines

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

The <u>DAA News Digest</u> is distributed each Monday to Academic Affairs faculty and staff.

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

Send submissions to <u>academicaffairs@uncc.edu</u>.