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Moratorium Ends for Starting New Curriculum Proposals

The moratorium for new course and curriculum proposals has ended. Users are now able to start new course and curriculum proposals in <u>Curriculog</u>. Please note that there will be a short moratorium each summer for starting new proposals as we transition from one catalog year to another. This will have no effect on proposals already started. Users may continue to use Curriculog, but will not be able to start a new proposal during a moratorium. For questions, please contact <u>Matt Wyse</u>, Curriculog Administrator and Faculty Governance Assistant.

Second Half of Summer Early Alerts Due by Noon on July 8

Faculty teaching 1XXX/2XXX level courses during the Second Half of Summer School will receive a Progress Report on Wednesday, July 1. Early Alerts are due for all 1XXX/2XXX courses by noon on Wednesday, July 8. Questions related to Early Alerts may be directed to LeeFredrick Bowen, Director for Academic Advising Systems.

Request for Faculty/Staff Videos for New Student Convocation

This fall, New Student Convocation is going virtual. In preparation for this virtual event, we're filming welcome videos that feature our faculty and staff from across Niner Nation! New Student Convocation is about creating & celebrating community... and we want YOUR voices to be a part of welcoming the incoming class. This virtual program is the first time our new students are introduced to most faculty and staff members. You won't want to miss out on being a part of this! If you are interested in being a part of filming, add your name to the <u>signup list</u> and we'll have our production team reach out to you for scheduling OR submit a video from home at this <u>link</u>. On-campus filming will be done individually with social distancing practices in place. Your videos will be shared during our virtual program on September 6, 2020.

Summer Blood Drive

During this pandemic, the demand for blood is as high as ever. UNC Charlotte and the Red Cross have teamed up with Advent Lutheran Church (just across the street from the University) to host a summer blood drive from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 13. Many of us have asked what we can do during the pandemic, and here is an opportunity for those that are able and willing to donate.

The Red Cross has established enhanced blood donation protocols to ensure the safety of donors, staff, and volunteers including temperature checks, masks, distancing, and cleaning. Also shortages due to canceled blood drives have prompted the American Red Cross to offer to test all donations for coronavirus antibodies. Anyone who donates at this drive will have their blood tested for coronavirus antibodies. The antibody tests, authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, will be performed on samples taken during donation, and results should be available within seven to ten days.

To participate in this important drive, <u>MAKE A RESERVATION</u>. You can also go to the Red Cross website and in the donate blood section type in UNCC, which is the sponsor code for this drive. Walk-in donations will be welcomed, but a

reserved time shortens the wait and helps our host better plan for the number of donors. Donors can use <u>Rapid Pass</u> on the day of the event to shorten the on-site registration process.

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 <u>messages from the Provost</u> 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. <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 (www.twitter.com/UNCC_Academics) or visit the Academic Affairs Division News webpage.

Upcoming Events

This Week:

July UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events

July Diversity Events on campus

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>.