



# DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

## WEEKLY NEWS DIGEST

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### Dean Search: Cato College of Education

The search committee for the Dean of the Cato College of Education is pleased to announce three candidates for the position. The campus community is invited to attend the candidates' public presentations. For details, including candidate CVs, please visit the [COED Dean Search webpage](#). Following each candidate interview, we encourage you to provide feedback via the [feedback form](#). The forms will be available until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, September 20.

### New Student Convocation: Change of Location and Request for Faculty RSVP

New Student Convocation will be held in Jerry Richardson Football Stadium on Sunday, August 22 at 6:00pm. New Student Convocation is an effort to celebrate and welcome our new students and provide clear academic expectations and an understanding about what it means to be a 49er. The event presents the traditions of the institution, the Noble Niner Honor Code, a faculty keynote address, and a performance by the Pride of Niner Nation Marching Band.

All faculty are asked to [RSVP via this form](#) and participate in the New Student Convocation ceremony from 6:00-7:00pm in regalia. Visit the [faculty information page](#) for more information.

### 2021 University Convocation - Updated Location

University Convocation is a chance for members of the campus community to hear about UNC Charlotte's long-term goals and immediate plans and issues. Speakers include the President of the Staff Council and President of the Student Body. The Faculty President will present the faculty agenda for 2021-2022. Also addressing the campus community will be Provost Joan Lorden and Chancellor Sharon Gaber, who will speak on the state of the University. The University Convocation is also a time to welcome new members of the faculty and professional staff and to recognize faculty members who have been granted permanent tenure as well as those who are beginning their 25th year of service to the University. A general faculty meeting in the form of a question-and-answer session will immediately follow the Convocation. All members of the campus community are welcome to remain for the meeting.

- Thursday, August 19, 10:00 AM (UPDATED LOCATION: [Hauser Alumni Pavilion](#) and [via Live Stream](#))

### Grade Replacement Policy

UNC Charlotte has modified the current [Grade Replacement Policy](#); changes made will become effective Fall 2021. Additional information regarding the Grade Replacement Policy can be found on the [Academic Policies and Procedures webpage](#). Check the published [Academic Calendar](#) for deadlines related to Grade Replacement. View this [quick reference guide](#) for a breakdown of what's changing for Fall 2021. Training and overview sessions will be provided by the Office of

the Registrar. No registration is necessary. Time will be limited to one hour. You may pick the time/location that is convenient to your schedule:

- Wednesday, August 11, 10:30 AM, [via Zoom](#)
- Friday, August 13, 9:00 AM, [via Zoom](#)

## Legal Training: Legislative and Supreme Court Updates

### Hot Off the Press: Legislative and Supreme Court Updates

Join Betty Doster, Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Constituent Relations, and Jesh Humphrey, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Integrity and General Counsel, as they review new legislation as well as recent U.S. Supreme Court cases with implications for university operations and the campus community. Topics include (but certainly are not limited to!) the state budget, college athletics, and student speech.

- Tuesday, August 17, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, via Zoom\* ([RSVP](#))  
*\*Registrants will receive the Zoom link via email prior to the presentation.*

## Intercultural Opportunity: Request an International Student Panel

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 Program's 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 fall 2021 presentations is Monday, August 30.

## Be Part of CTI's Class of 2022 Seminar Leaders

Are you interested in sharing your research with a broader audience? Do you care about public education? Do you see PK-12 teachers as allies in your work? If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, then consider submitting a seminar proposal idea for the Charlotte Teachers Institute (CTI) lineup of 2022 seminars. CTI is an educational partnership among UNC Charlotte, Johnson C. Smith University, and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) to strengthen teaching and learning through collaboration, creativity, leadership, and content knowledge. CMS teachers in grades PK-12 apply to participate in professor-led seminars based on research and teaching interests with the goal of creating original curricula for CMS students. To date, 700+ CTI Fellows have written more than 1,045 original curriculum units, all available on CTI's website. Check out [CTI's website](#) for more information, including the commitment to [racial equity](#) and [testimonials](#) from teachers, professors, and funders. Please [submit your ideas](#) by Friday, September 3. CTI Director [Scott Gartlan](#) will be in touch following submission to discuss next steps.

## Guide for Faculty on Redesigning Courses to Improve Student Learning

As faculty prepare for fall teaching, many will be considering how to revise aspects of their courses in order to boost student learning and engagement. Elise Demeter in the Office of Assessment & Accreditation published a guide for faculty entitled, "[Reflecting on Course Redesign: How Faculty Can Measure the Impact of Instructional Changes](#)" on the AAC&U's Liberal Education Blog.

## Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops

The [Center for Teaching and Learning](#) is offering two weeks of Back-to-School Workshops for new and returning faculty to help them get their courses ready for the semester!

- See the [CTL calendar](#) for the full schedule.
- Print this [handy calendar](#) for easy-reference.
- For NEW FACULTY: [Quick Start Teaching Resources for New Faculty](#)

Highlights for this week:

- Using Cognitive Empathy in the Classroom, Tuesday, August 10, 10:00 - 11:30 AM ([Register](#))
- Teaching with Poll Everywhere, Tuesday, August 10, 2:00 - 3:00 PM ([Register](#))
- Effective Online Teaching Bootcamp, Wednesday-Thursday, August 11-12 ([Register](#))
- Creating Instructional Videos in Canvas, Wednesday, August 11, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ([Register](#))
- Creating In-Video Quizzes in Canvas, Friday, August 13, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ([Register](#))

- Starting with a Fresh Canvas, Friday, August 13, 1:00 - 2:00 PM ([Register](#))
- Canvas Assignments and Gradebook, Friday, August 13, 2:30 - 3:30 PM ([Register](#))

Convenient Self-Paced Training:

- Self-Paced Starting with a Fresh Canvas ([Register](#))
- Self-Paced Teaching with Zoom ([Register](#))
- Self-Paced Online Video Foundations ([Register](#))
- Self-Paced Online Teaching Foundations ([Register](#))

## CAPS Virtual Workshop: Supporting Student Mental Health During the Campus Return

The Fall 2021 semester will likely pose challenges for our students as they continue to deal with the continued global pandemic and ongoing identity-based violence and oppression. This 60-minute virtual workshop, hosted by CAPS, shares practical ways faculty and staff can support student mental health in the return to campus, with additional focus on those with historically marginalized identities (e.g., Black, LGBTQ+, international). Learn ways to proactively attend to student mental health, promote inclusion and belonging, and respond to student mental health concerns as they arise. [Registration](#) is required; log into the Learning & Development Portal and search for the class title.

This workshop is also available to graduate students who are employed as a TA and/or as a GA who supervise other students. Interested graduate students should register via the links below.

- Thursday, August 12, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ([Register](#))
- Wednesday, August 25, 3:30 - 4:30 PM ([Register](#))

## 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 ([www.twitter.com/UNCC\\_Academics](https://www.twitter.com/UNCC_Academics)) or visit the [Academic Affairs Division News webpage](#).

## Upcoming Events

**This Week:**

- Aug-Sep** [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)
- Aug-Sep** [Diversity events](#)

**Upcoming:** [provost.uncc.edu/division-news/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events](https://provost.uncc.edu/division-news/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events)

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