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### Academic Policy Changes

The Faculty Council, at its October meeting, passed changes to two academic policies: [UNC Charlotte Academic Policy: Immunization Policy Reinstatement](#) and [UNC Charlotte Academic Policy: Registration \(Undergraduate\)](#). The changes to the Registration policy extend the Pass/No Credit deadline from the last day of drop/add to the withdrawal deadline. These changes are effective Spring 2022; changes are unrelated to the pandemic exception that expired in Summer 2021. Additional information on both policy changes can be found on the [Academic Policies and Procedures webpage](#).

### Update to Pandemic Travel Petition Procedure

Research and Economic Development has announced that faculty intending to use external grant or contract funds are no longer required to obtain approval from Valerie Crickard in the Office of Grants and Contracts Administration. All other requirements for [international travel approval](#) remain in effect.

### 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 Information Session

Have you heard the buzz about the Paper Chase Program, but aren't quite ready to jump in? Join our Zoom info session to learn about how faculty can benefit from our Spring 2022 weekend training program. You will hear from faculty who participated in the pilot program, learn about the tiered mentoring model, and have your questions answered ahead of the January 5, 2022, faculty application deadline.

- Friday, December 17, 9:30 AM, via [Zoom](#)

### Canvas “New Quizzes” Released

Canvas has released "New Quizzes," an extensive update to the Classic Quizzes functionality that faculty currently use. New Quizzes will be available beginning December 21 so faculty can become familiar and begin using the new tool before Canvas permanently switches to New Quizzes by the end of December 2022.

[View enhancement details and a checklist for faculty.](#)  
[Frequently Asked Questions.](#)

### Interlibrary Loan Winter Break Schedule

The Interlibrary Loan office will be closed for winter break beginning Friday, December 24 until Tuesday, January 4. It will begin accepting and processing requests again January 4, 2022.

## Mentor Training

The ADVANCE Faculty Affairs and Diversity Office will be offering a series of eight virtual workshops, “Developing Successful Mentoring Strategies,” in the spring semester. The workshops are based on the curriculum from the Center for the Improvement of the Mentored Experience in Research (CIMER) at the University of Wisconsin. CIMER’s research mentor training is an evidence-based, interactive approach designed to help mentors develop skills for engaging in productive, culturally responsive, research mentoring relationships, which optimize the success of both mentors and mentees. We encourage all faculty, particularly new faculty who will be mentoring undergraduates, graduate students or post-doctoral fellows, to participate in this training. Participation in all eight sessions addresses the National Institute of General Medical Sciences guidelines regarding the preparation of mentors involved in training grants. Feedback from faculty who have participated in this training has been overwhelmingly positive. The workshops will be presented every two weeks from 12:30-1:30 p.m. beginning on Thursday, January 13, 2022. [Sign up for the workshops](#). Please note that the Graduate School offers similar mentor training in a full-day format. [Check to see if you have already participated](#) in one of their mentor training sessions.

## Save the Date: Special Meeting of the Faculty Council

There will be a Special Meeting of the Faculty Council on January 20. Brandon Wolfe, Associate Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer, has requested a special meeting of the Faculty Council to gather information and listen to faculty regarding the state of diversity and inclusion efforts on our campus and ideas to move forward. The meeting is open to everyone.

- Thursday, January 20, 1:00 - 2:15 PM, Cameron 101

## CTL Resources to Prepare for Spring Courses

### [Canvas Spring 2022 Template Available](#)

Use the Canvas template as a starting point to make your life easier and to improve your course organization. The template is customized by the CTL according to best practices for online course design and includes:

- Clear Navigation
- Adaptable Foundation
- Important Academic/University Dates Already Included
- Consistent Course Flow
- Organizes Course Content

Learn more and get started with this [FAQ](#).

### [TOP Program](#)

Looking for inspiration as you plan your Spring courses or just curious how your colleagues are using Canvas and what types of learning activities they are using? Take a peek into their course via the Teachers Observing Peers program. Log in and view their course at your convenience!

### [Teaching Guide for New Faculty](#)

A handy resource of essential teaching resources for faculty who are new to Charlotte.

## 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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