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**Faculty Council agenda for February 19 posted**

The Faculty Council agenda for the February 19, 2016 meeting has been posted here. The agenda this month includes remarks from the chancellor and provost, another installment of the “diversity syllabus,” second votes on three proposed amendments to the Faculty Code, and votes on resolutions supporting LGBTQ academic initiatives, the work of the Ethics and Integrity Working Group, and changes …

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**Faculty votes to amend Code at January and February meetings**

The General Faculty and the Faculty Council considered three resolutions presented by the Committee on University Government at the January 29 Faculty Council meeting. Each of the resolutions passed the first reading and will be voted on once more on February 19. Resolution
2016-1. On Amending the Faculty Code of University Government to Provide for Vacancy Appointments for Faculty Officers allows …

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**Faculty elections will be April 18-25**

This year's faculty elections will take place via electronic ballot emailed to all members of the Voting Faculty on April 18th. The deadline for voting will be April 25th, with results released on the 27th. More information about the elections process may be found here.

**Nominations open for 2016 Thomas Jefferson Award**

The faculty’s Committee on Honorary Degrees and Special Awards invites nominations for candidates for the 2016 Thomas Jefferson Award. This award, established in 1961, is given annually to “that member of the academic community who through personal influence and performance of duty in teaching, writing, and scholarship has best exemplified the ideals and objectives of Thomas Jefferson.” Any active member of the …

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**Faculty Athletics Committee to hold listening session March 2**

The Faculty Athletics Committee (FAC) invites the University community to join them for their spring listening session, to be held March 2, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm in Toy Lounge, Dey Hall. Members of FAC look forward to hearing concerns and responding to comments and questions regarding athletics and academics at UNC. Contact committee chair Joy Renner at …

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**SEANC fights State Health Plan changes**

The State Employees Association of North Carolina (SEANC) has been leading an effort to oppose changes to the State Health Plan for state employees in North Carolina. Currently, the changes to the 80/20 insurance plan and spousal coverage have been put on hold. Read more here.

**APPLES Service-Learning Course Development applications due February 22**
APPLES Service-Learning is soliciting proposals for $5,000 service-learning course development grants from faculty and instructors who teach undergraduate, graduate and professional students. Up to seven $5,000 grants will be awarded to develop new or modify existing courses that successfully integrate community-based service into the curriculum and promote service-learning pedagogy at UNC-Chapel Hill. For eligibility criteria and application information, visit APPLES Service-Learning Funding Opportunities. Applications are due Feb. 22 and are accepted through the CCPS Application and Nomination Portal.

Ned Brooks Award nominations accepted until Feb. 23

Nominations for the Ned Brooks Award for Public Service are being accepted. The award recognizes a staff or faculty member of the UNC-Chapel Hill community who throughout his/her career has, in a collaborative and sustained manner, made a difference in the larger community. Full nominations are due by 11:59 p.m. Feb. 23 and are accepted through the CCPS Application and Nomination Portal. For questions, email ccps@unc.edu or call 919-843-7568.

University Diversity Awards nominations due February 22

The University Diversity Awards recognize faculty, staff, students, alumni, and organizations who have advocated for diversity, equity, and inclusion of underrepresented groups and/or social justice; demonstrated a sustained commitment to the advancement of cultural diversity and inclusion at UNC and/or in the community; demonstrated respect or inclusive treatment when interacting with others; or implemented or sponsored an event that cultivates diversity and inclusion.

Nominations can be submitted electronically at: http://diversity.unc.edu/diversityawardsapp. Further details about the award and the nomination process are available at http://diversity.unc.edu/diversityawards. For further information, please contact Diversity and Multicultural Affairs at diversity@unc.edu.

Skills and Practices of Engaged Scholarship seminar to take place February 25

The Skills and Practices in Engaged Scholarship series continues with the seminar, Implementation Science: Applying What Works, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 25 at the NC TraCS Institute in Brinkhous-Bullitt, room 219. Implementation Science is the use of strategies to adopt and integrate evidence-based approaches and the systematic study of specified activities designed to put into practice activities or programs of known dimensions. This workshop will introduce resources and current projects to guide research interventions. Light refreshments will be served. For details on speakers and to register, visit UNC Event Registration.
Attrition of Women in STEM webinar planned for March 8

The Carolina Seminar Series, “The Attrition of Women Faculty from Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Disciplines: Identifying Targets for Intervention and Effecting Change,” announces a virtual webinar with Dr. Karen Kelsky, Founder of “The Professor Is In,” academic consultant, and author. The goal for this event is to educate faculty here at UNC on how to ask and negotiate for resources, raises, and promotions in an institution of higher education.

Faculty from all departments and ranks are invited to engage in this webinar, followed by an hour-long moderated discussion on how to implement Dr. Kelsky’s knowledge in careers here at UNC. Due to limited seating for the moderated discussion, the sponsors ask that you please RSVP to Erica Nouri at erica_nouri@med.unc.edu by March 1, 2016.

This event will take place on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, in Hitchcock Auditorium of The Sonja Haynes Stone Center. The webinar with Dr. Kelsky will last from 12-1pm, followed by a moderated discussion from 1-2pm. A light lunch will be provided.

Thorp Faculty Engaged Scholars call for applications open until March 8

The Carolina Center for Public Service is accepting applications for Class VI of the Thorp Faculty Engaged Scholars program, which brings together selected Carolina faculty from across campus to engage in a two-year experiential, competency-based curriculum designed to advance their engaged scholarship. Up to 10 faculty members are selected every other year. The program is highly interactive and experiential, involving field visits, exposure to ongoing projects, and discussions with community and faculty partners. Applications for Class VI (2016-2018) should be submitted online at the CCPS Application and Nomination Portal by Tuesday, March 8. For questions, email kim.allen@unc.edu or call 919-843-7548.

Faculty Governance calendar

Below is a list of upcoming faculty governance meetings. All are open to the faculty and the public unless noted below. Meeting schedules and locations are subject to change on short notice. See the full schedule here.

- Monday, February 22: Faculty Executive Committee
- Wednesday, February 24: Nominating Committee (CLOSED SESSION)
- Wednesday, February 24: Community and Diversity Committee
- Wednesday, February 24: Copyright Committee
- Thursday, February 25: Faculty Assembly Delegation
- Friday, February 26: Faculty Assembly
• Monday, February 29: Nominating Committee (CLOSED SESSION)
• Monday, February 29: Administrative Board of the Library
• Monday, February 29: Chancellor’s Advisory Committee
• Wednesday, March 29: Nominating Committee (CLOSED SESSION)
• Wednesday, March 29: Faculty Athletics Listening Session
• Wednesday, March 29: Agenda Committee
• Friday, March 4: Committee on University Government
• Friday, March 4: Educational Policy Committee
• Friday, March 4: Fixed-Term Faculty Committee
• Monday, March 7: Faculty Welfare Committee
• Monday, March 7: Faculty Executive Committee
• Tuesday, March 10: Faculty Athletics Committee
• Friday, March 11: Committee on the Status of Women

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