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### ***Faculty Council resolutions all online***

Faculty Council has been busy this year, passing quite a number of resolutions on issues from syllabi requirements to guidelines for independent studies. All approved resolutions are posted here.

### ***Final Faculty Council/General Faculty meeting is April 12th***

The year's final Faculty Council meeting (which is also traditionally a meeting of the General Faculty) will take place Friday, April 12, 2013, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm in the Hitchcock Room at the Stone Center. All faculty members are invited to attend.

As always, we'll be live-tweeting the meeting with the hashtag #FacCouncil from our account @UNCFacGov.

### ***Faculty elections April 15-22; voter guide online soon***

The annual facultywide elections for Faculty Council and the eleven elected standing committees of the faculty will take place **April 15-22** via electronic ballot emailed to all members of the Voting Faculty.

Although there is no election this year for Chair of the Faculty, there will be important elections for crucial policymaking bodies including Faculty Council; the Educational Policy Committee; Faculty Athletics Committee; campus-level Appointments, Promotions, and Tenure Committee; and Faculty Executive Committee. We'll have our annual Voter Guide available in early April, both on the web and in the University *Gazette*. Then, watch your email on April 15th for the link to your individualized ballot. Faculty participation in elections has been trending upward in recent years – let's keep that going!

### ***Nominate a faculty colleague for the Thomas Jefferson Award (deadline April 1st)***

The faculty Committee on Honorary Degrees and Special Awards invites your nominations for the 2013 **Thomas Jefferson Award**. Established in 1961, this award 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 faculty is eligible, including those participating in the phased-retirement program. Full information about the award (including a list of past recipients and directions for how to submit a nomination) is available here on the Faculty Governance website. The deadline for nominations is this **April 1, 2013**. The award will be presented at the September, 2013 Faculty Council meeting.

### ***AWFP's Mary Turner Lane Award nomination deadline is March 29th***

The Association for Women Faculty and Professionals invites nominees for the Mary Turner Lane award to be presented to a woman who has made an outstanding contribution to the lives of women on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus. The nomination deadline is **March 29, 2013**. This year's recipient will be honored at the annual AWFPP Spring Luncheon, now set for May 2, 2013. Full details on the award and instructions on how to nominate someone are here.

### ***Know of a faculty colleague who has died in the last year?***

The Office of Faculty Governance is compiling our annual remembrance of deceased faculty, to be posted online and read aloud at the April Faculty Council meeting. If you know of a current or retired faculty colleague who has died since April 2012, please send the person's name and a link to any obituary you may know of to Katie Turner in our office (katie\_turner@unc.edu). Thank you.

### ***Scholars for a Progressive North Carolina will hold public forum, March 28, 5:00 pm, at Sanford School, Duke***

Scholars from across the Triangle are have formed Scholars for a Progressive North Carolina, an organization of people from institutions of higher education across the state who are committed to using the best available research knowledge to foster informed conversations about North Carolina's history and current public policy challenges. On Thursday, March 28, 2013 at 5:00 pm, SPNC will hold a free public forum to discuss how laws already passed and in the works in the North Carolina General Assembly will, according to their press release, "impede economic recovery, restrict democracy, stifle critical thought, and undercut a century of reforms to promote opportunity, widely shared prosperity, and the common good."

Moderator: Dr. Jacquelyn Dowd Hall, Julia Cherry Spruill Professor of History, UNC Chapel Hill

Panelists:

- William Hodding Carter III, University Professor of Leadership & Public Policy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Dr. Katherine Charron, Associate Professor of History, North Carolina Central University
- Dr. Willie Jennings, Associate Professor of Theology and Black Church Studies, Duke Divinity School
- Dr. Robert Korstad, Kevin D. Gorter Professor of Public Policy and History, Duke University
- Dr. David Jolly, Associate Professor and Chair, Public Health Education, North Carolina Central University
- Dr. Helen Ladd, Edgar T. Thompson Distinguished Professor of Public Policy and Economics, Duke University
- Dr. Nancy MacLean, William H. Chafe Professor of History and Public Policy, Duke University
- Dr. Gunther Peck, Fred W. Shaffer Associate Professor of History and Public Policy, Duke University

Panelists will speak for 5 minutes each, take questions from the press, and then open the floor to discussion. Information online at <http://sites.duke.edu/spnc/>.

### ***North Carolina Vision Coalition invites signatures on petition regarding communications with UNC Board of Governors***

The North Carolina Vision Coalition, a group of faculty, staff, and students from UNC system schools that has been meeting together since last fall, has asked us to circulate the following invitation:

“Do you want to protect the public nature of UNC? Do you value transparency and democracy in public institutions? The Board of Governors will be making many decisions in coming months that will impact the future of all campuses of the UNC system. If you believe that faculty, staff and students should have more opportunities to provide input on UNC’s future, please consider signing our petition. We welcome

signatures from faculty, staff, students, alums, and community members.” You can find the petition here: Democratize the University of North Carolina – Students, staff and faculty of the *NC Vision Coalition* petition.