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Faculty Governance News Digest

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Faculty Elections Coming in April

April is the month for the annual elections for the Faculty Council and eleven elected faculty committees including the Faculty Executive Committee, the Chancellor's Advisory Committee, the Faculty Athletics Committee, and the Committee on Appointments, Promotion, and Tenure. The Council and these committees provide the key vehicle for faculty input into many important decisions about the direction and mission of the University. Members of the Voting Faculty should watch their email for the ballot, which will be sent in mid-April.

Want to know if you are a member of the Voting Faculty? Read about the “General Faculty” and the “Voting Faculty” in the Faculty Code, found [here](#).

Next Faculty Council Meeting Is March 23

The meeting will take place from 3:00 – 5: 00 p.m. in the Hitchcock Multipurpose Room of the Sonja Haynes Stone Center. All faculty are welcome to attend. The complete Faculty Council meeting schedule for 2006-07 is [here](#).

Short Term and Summer Conference Housing Available on Campus

The University Housing Department has several furnished apartments to offer to the campus for short term visitors, as well as facilities available for summer meetings and conferences. For more information, please contact Conference and Guest Services, at 919-962-5239 or visit <http://housing.unc.edu/event-planners/summer-conferences.html>.

Carolina Women’s Center Celebrates 10th Anniversary

2007 is the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Carolina Women’s Center. Celebratory events will be taking place all year, including during March 2007’s “Women’s Week,” March 24-30. See a list of Women’s Week events [here](#).

The Women’s Center recently announced its Fall 2007 Faculty Scholar. Congratulations to Professor Francesca Talenti from the Department of Communication Studies for being selected! Read more about Professor Talenti’s work [here](#).

Faculty Governance Reading Room

An occasional feature highlighting interesting reading about universities, faculties, and governance. This week’s selection:

- *What Ever Happened to the Faculty? Drift and Decision in Higher Education*, by Mary Burgan (Johns Hopkins Univ. Press, 2006). A historically-informed analysis of a number of major areas of concern for university faculties nationwide, including the politics of buildings and land development, trends in pedagogical and curricular reform, challenges posed by distance learning and online programs, effects of attacks on academic freedom, and changes in the terms of faculty work. Burgan is the former General Secretary of the American Association of University Professors and professor of English emerita at Indiana University–Bloomington. She argues that “[g]overnance is the key to whatever influence the faculty might have in responding to present challenges, for if professors are to have any influence on the growth and development of higher education, they must engage themselves in its planning and regulation.”

Read more about Burgan’s book at the Johns Hopkins University Press website, located [here](#).