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Faculty Council meeting Friday October 5th features update from Executive Director for the Arts

The Faculty Council will meet this Friday, October 5th, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Hitchcock Multipurpose Room of the Sonja Haynes Stone Center. All faculty are invited to attend.

Items on the agenda include remarks by Provost, updates from the Faculty Assembly Delegation on pending changes in the Code of the (UNC system) Board of Governors dealing with faculty appeal and discharge procedures (including post-tenure review), the annual reports of the Faculty Athletics Committee and Athletics Representative, and a presentation on Carolina Performing Arts by Executive Director for the Arts Emil Kang.

You'll find the full Council agenda here.

Minutes from September 14th Faculty Council meeting are now online

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Faculty Committees: What are they? Who's on them?

Many people do not realize that in addition to the Faculty Council, there are numerous elected and appointed faculty standing committees that do much important work to give faculty a voice in decision making at Carolina. The faculty committees by and large operate independently of the Faculty Council, although they report to the Council annually. The memberships of the committees and the Council are generally distinct. To learn more about the faculty standing committees provided for in the Faculty Code of University Government, visit the Faculty Committees section of the Faculty Governance website.

Reserving and "anti-reserving" the Anne Queen Faculty Commons at the Campus Y

The Anne Queen Faculty Commons, now open in the renovated Campus Y, provides a place on central campus for informal gatherings, meetings, and programs that encourage faculty exchange. The space may also be reserved for faculty-oriented programs and events. Room usage policies and reservation forms may be found here on the Faculty Governance website.

At the same time, many small groups of faculty members have adopted the Faculty Commons as a place for informal brown-bag lunches. If your group would like to use the space on a semi-regular basis for this kind of event, please contact Anne

Whisnant in the Faculty Governance office. She can check to see that the room is not reserved at the time your small lunch group plans to meet and can make an “anti-reservation” for you, which prevents other groups from scheduling a closed event on top of a small group’s lunch gathering.

Faculty encouraged to participate in University Day, October 12th

Friday, October 12th will mark the annual celebration of University Day, which commemorates the laying of the cornerstone for the university’s first building, Old East, in 1793. Faculty are invited to don academic regalia and join the faculty processional, which will form at the Old Well at 10:30 a.m. The University Day gathering in Memorial Hall begins at 11:00. Dr. Michael Hunt, the Everett H. Emerson professor of history, will speak at the ceremony.

Full details on the day’s events are here.

UNC–Chapel Hill’s American Association of University Professors chapter to meet October 12th

The next meeting of the UNC chapter of the American Association of University Professors will take place on Oct. 12 at 2-3:30 pm in the FedEx Global Education Center, Room 2008. Minutes of previous meetings are available on the website at <http://www.unc.edu/~cernst/aaup/2006-12-1.doc>.

Faculty Governance Reading Room: Articles, books, or other resources of interest to faculty

- The Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC)
Developed by the Association of Research Libraries, SPARC is an international alliance of academic and research libraries working to correct imbalances in the scholarly publishing system by stimulating the emergence of new scholarly communication models that expand the dissemination of scholarly research and reduce financial pressures on libraries. The SPARC web page includes an extensive section of resources for authors, which helps scholars understand ways to retain more of the rights to their journal publications.