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Faculty Council to meet Friday, December 12

The Faculty Council will meet this Friday, December 12, at 3 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History. Topics on the agenda include an overview of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication by Prof. Jean Folkerts, Dean; and a presentation by Prof. Judith Wegner, Chair of the UNC systemwide Faculty Assembly, on current issues facing the Assembly. There will also be several committee reports. The full agenda is online here. All faculty are invited to attend.

The minutes from the November Faculty Council meeting are now online here.

Informal informational panel on “Procedures Pertaining to Tenure” to be held December 12

The Black Faculty/Staff Caucus and the Center for Faculty Excellence will sponsor a panel discussion on the tenure process December 12, 2008 from 12:00 noon to 1:15 p.m. in the Anne Queen Faculty Commons Room of the Campus Y. The panel discussion is open to all faculty and staff. No registration is required. Bring a lunch and dessert will be provided.

Panelists:

- Provost Bernadette Gray-Little
- Dr. Tom Clegg, former chair of the University APT committee
- Dr. Ruth Walden, current chair of the University APT committee

For more information, please contact BFSC chair, Dr. Cookie Newsom at 962-6962.

Winter Commencement to be held on Sunday, December 14

The Winter Commencement Ceremony will be held Sunday, December 14, at 2 p.m. in the Dean E. Smith Center. Dr. Valerie Ashby, an award-winning chemistry professor, will be deliver the commencement address. Faculty are encouraged to join the processional, which will assemble at 1:30 p.m. in the Press Room of the Smith Center. Use Entry D and take the elevator down to the main floor. Marshals will be there to direct you to the room. Parking is available in the Koury Lot adjacent to the Smith Center. If you have questions, please contact Jane Smith at jane_smith@unc.edu or Leigh Ann Hartwell at hartwell@unc.edu.

Carolina Blood Drive needs you on December 16

The 10th Annual Winter Holiday Edition of the Carolina Blood Drive is scheduled for next Tuesday, Dec. 16, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Fetzer Gym A. Currently only about 240 people are registered, so your help is needed to reach the drive's goal of 400 units!

Traditionally, donations decrease during the holidays as regular givers are busy and/or traveling, and donations decline in this area when Carolina student givers are away. At the same time, the need for blood increases because of travel-related injuries. Even on a normal day, 1,500 units are needed in the more than 100 hospitals the Red Cross serves in this area.

Although walk-ins will be welcome, advance appointments are recommended so that American Red Cross officials know how many personnel are needed for the drive. Please make an appointment by calling 96-BLOOD or 962-5663 or visiting <http://www.unc.edu/blood/>.

Gardner Award nominations being accepted; deadline is January 14, 2009

Nominations for the O. Max Gardner Award will be accepted by Chancellor Holden Thorp through January 14. This award, given annually since 1949, was established by the will of Gov. Oliver Max Gardner to recognize faculty who have "made the greatest contributions to the welfare of the human race." It is the only award for which all faculty members of the 17 UNC campuses are eligible. Recipients are nominated by their chancellors and selected by the Board of Governors. The Committee on Honorary Degrees and Special Awards screens the nominations on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus, and the chancellor forwards their recommendation to the Board of Governors.

Complete information on making a nomination, as well as a list of past recipients, is online here.

Nominees sought for 2010 Honorary Degrees; deadline is January 16, 2009

Now is the time to nominate people who might receive an honorary degree at commencement in the spring of 2010. The award of an honorary degree recognizes people who have rendered outstanding service to humanity in the world arena, in our nation, in the American South, or in our State of North Carolina; people who have made outstanding contributions to knowledge in the world of scholarship;

people whose talent and creativity in the world of the arts has enriched our lives; and people whose devotion to and support of our University merits our highest recognition.

Full information on how to make a nomination, along with a link to a list of past recipients, is here.

Faculty Mentoring Award nominations being accepted; deadline is January 28, 2009

Nominations for Faculty Mentoring Awards, sponsored by the Carolina Women's Leadership Council, are due January 28. Each winner will receive \$5,000. These awards recognize outstanding men and women faculty members who go the extra mile to lead students and junior faculty as they make important career decisions, embark on innovative research and teaching initiatives, prepare for leadership positions, and enrich their lives through public service, teaching and meaningful educational opportunities. One award will be given in each of two categories: faculty-to-student mentoring and faculty-to-faculty mentoring.

All tenured and tenure-track faculty are eligible for these awards, as well as fixed-term faculty members who have been at UNC for at least three years. Visiting faculty are not eligible. Nominations may be submitted by anyone from the Carolina family, including current and former faculty, staff and students.

The awards will be presented at the annual meeting of the Carolina Women's Leadership Council, scheduled for February 26-27, 2009. For complete information about these awards, including instructions for completing nominations, please visit <http://provost.unc.edu/announcements/2009-faculty-mentoring-award.html> or contact Carol Tresolini, Associate Provost for Academic Initiatives, at 962-3907 or Carol_Tresolini@unc.edu.

"Black Women in the Academy: Strategies for Survival, Success, and Transformation" symposium set for January 30-31, 2009

"Black Women in the Academy: Strategies for Survival, Success, and Transformation" is the topic of a two-day symposium scheduled for January 30-31 in the William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education.

Plenary speakers will include:

- Dr. Beverly Guy, Sheftal, Spelman College;
- Dr. Yolanda Moses, University of California at Riverside;
- Dr. Rhonda Sharpe, University of Vermont; and
- Dr. Monica Corbitt Rivers, Winston Salem State University.

Undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, faculty, and administrators are invited to attend. For more information, write to sbwacademy09@gmail.com or visit <http://www.unc.edu/iaar>

Faculty Governance Reading Room

Articles, books, or other resources of interest to faculty. This week's selection:

Scholarship in the Digital Age: Information, Infrastructure, and the Internet, by Christine L. Borgman, Professor and Presidential Chair in Information Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles (MIT Press, 2007). For a short *Chronicle of Education* article discussing some of Borgman's ideas, see "Bringing Tenure Into the Digital Age" (10 December 2008) (access is free with ONYEN authentication or from computer on the UNC network).

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