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The UNC-Chapel Hill Office of Faculty Governance publishes *Faculty Governance News* eight times a year. Send information to be considered for inclusion to Anne Whisnant [on the Monday before an issue is scheduled to appear](#).



Faculty Council meets Friday, January 17, 2014

The Faculty Council and General Faculty will meet Friday, January 17, 2014 from 3:00 to 5:00 in the Pleasants Room at Wilson Library. [The agenda and all related materials are online here.](#)

All members of the faculty are welcome to attend.

[Read online.](#)

Chancellor Folt and Admissions Office address allegations about student-athlete academic abilities

This afternoon, Chancellor Carol Folt released a statement to the campus responding to recent media reports from CNN and elsewhere alleging that significant numbers of UNC's student-athletes over the past decade have had poor reading skills. Additionally, the university released an analysis conducted by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions that showed that over 97% of student-athletes at the University from 2004-12 met CNN's defined SAT/ACT threshold for college readiness in reading.

[Chancellor Folt's statement is here.](#)

[The information from the Admissions Office analysis is here.](#)

Nominations period open, 2015 UNC Honorary Degrees (deadline January 31)

The faculty's Committee on Honorary Degrees and Special Awards invites your nominations for candidates for [UNC honorary degrees](#) to be awarded at the 2015 May Commencement ceremony.

A maximum of five of these prestigious awards will be given to recognize individuals who have rendered outstanding service to humanity in the world arena, in our ...

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Storify of #FacCouncil tweets from December 13 Faculty Council meeting; catch up if you missed it!

We've assembled a "Storify" capturing all the tweets about this afternoon's UNC-Chapel Hill Faculty Council meeting using the hashtag #FacCouncil. Most of these tweets are from our office's @UNCFacGov Twitter account, managed by Anne Whisnant. Check them out to see what you missed, or just get a quick capture of what happened at the meeting!

[Read online.](#)

Call for Faculty Council agenda topics

The Agenda Committee of the Faculty Council meets eight times a year, usually 7-14 days in advance of the regular Faculty Council meeting to set the two-hour agenda (a list of dates is available [here](#)). If you would like to suggest topics for the meeting agenda, please email facultygovernance@unc.edu.

UNC-Chapel Hill statement on American Studies Association's Israel boycott

The university's response to the American Studies Association's resolution to boycott Israeli academic institutions is available online [here](#).



Guskiewicz offers wise advice to graduates at December commencement

[Click here to view media.](#)

Kevin Guskiewicz, Kenan Distinguished Professor of Exercise and Sport Science and Senior Associate Dean for the Natural Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences, was the keynote speaker for the December 2013 commencement ceremony. The ceremony took place on Sunday, December 15th at 2 p.m. in the

Dean E. Smith Center. Prof. ...

[Read online.](#)

National summit on college athletics, "TrueSport U," to be held at UNC May 2-3

A conference, "TrueSport U: The Impact of College Athletics on Education, Youth Sport, and American Culture," sponsored by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency's True Sport, the University of North Carolina, and Penn State University, will be held at UNC May 2-3. It will feature prominent sport leaders, scholars, coaches, athletes, parents, and journalists discussing a broad range of effects of collegiate athletics on American society from their unique perspectives. Chair of the Faculty Jan Boxill is heavily involved in the planning, and the conference is co-sponsored by the Parr Center for Ethics, which she directs. For more information, visit the [summit website](#).

Register for High Impact Carolina Conference, February 7th

This important University-wide conference (to be held February 7, 2014) will focus on recommendations from the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) monograph, *High-Impact Educational Practices: What They Are, Who Has Access to Them, and Why They Matter*. The conference will feature talks from national experts, including Tia Brown McNair, Senior Director for Student Success in the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Student Success at AAC&U, and Betsy O. Barefoot, Vice President for the Jon N. Gardner Institute.

Click [here](#) for more information.

2014 Request for MOOC proposals

The Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost requests proposals from faculty or departments interested in developing and offering massive open online courses (MOOCs) in partnership with the William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education and Coursera.

The RFP template and additional information can be found at <http://fridaycenter.unc.edu/MOOCs/#authoring>. Please note that the Letter of Intent is due **January 17, 2014**. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Rob Bruce at rob_bruce@unc.edu.

2014 AFWP Mary Turner Lane Award Call for

Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2014 Mary Turner Lane Award, sponsored by the UNC Association for Women Faculty and Professionals. The Mary Turner Lane Award recognizes a woman who has made an outstanding contribution to the lives of women on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus. "Outstanding contribution" is interpreted broadly, touching all areas of the lives of women, including students, faculty, staff, and administrators, on our campus. It includes, but is not limited to, achievements that enhance women's lives through the following: scholarship, teaching, leadership, health services, social services, political activism, professional advancement, program development, and staff support.

[Click here to read more and submit a nomination.](#) The deadline is **Friday, January 31, 2014.**

University Awards for the Advancement of Women Call for Nominations

This award recognizes contributions to the advancement of women at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Each year, three individuals—one faculty member, one staff member, and one undergraduate/graduate student/postdoctoral scholar—may be selected to receive the award. The faculty and staff recipients each receive \$5000 and the undergraduate/graduate student/postdoctoral scholar recipient receives \$2500. [Click here](#) to submit a nomination. The deadline for nominations is **Friday, January 24, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.**

Other Upcoming Events

- January 21: [Clinical Trial Budgets](#)
- January 22: [Publishing in Peer-Reviewed Journals in the Arts and Humanities and Social Sciences](#)
- January 22: [Basic EndNote](#)
- January 24: [Developing Effective Mentoring Programs for Early Career Faculty](#)
- January 30: [Gender Equality in Science \(GenES\) Series Presents: *Survival of the Fittest: How Successful Scientists Balance Work and Life*](#)
- January 31: [Playing to Your Strengths as a Teacher, Researcher, and Departmental Colleague](#)
- February 28: [Carolina Firsts Advocates Discussion: Helping First Generation College Students Experiencing Financial Challenge](#)

Click [here](#) for a full list events sponsored by the Center for Faculty Excellence.

We have migrated our "What we're reading" feature to our [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter account](#) so we can post things as we find them. To get those timely links to interesting articles, reports, and news, please "like" our page and/or follow us on Twitter [@UNCFacGov](#).