

# UNC FACULTY GOVERNANCE

## *Newsletter*



December 4, 2017



### December 8 General Faculty and Faculty Council meeting to focus on free speech policy, curriculum

The Faculty Council and General Faculty are scheduled to meet Friday, December 8, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. in **Kerr Hall, room 1001, in the Eshelman School of Pharmacy**. **Please note the change of location.** A tentative agenda is available [here](#). Faculty are encouraged to arrive at 2:30 p.m.

for refreshments in the lobby. Faculty Council members should sign in on the iPad kiosk and ...

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### 2017 Winter Commencement details

Carolina's mid-year commencement ceremony will be held on Sunday, December 17, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. at the Dean E. Smith Center. Faculty members are strongly encouraged to join the processional with or without regalia. Following Carolina's tradition of highlighting outstanding faculty, Chancellor Carol Folt, in consultation with the Commencement Speaker Selection Committee, invited Dr. Satish Gopal to be this year's ...



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### Faculty Commons survey results now available

The Office of Faculty Governance (OFG) recently surveyed the faculty to gauge satisfaction with the use of the Anne Queen Faculty Commons in the Campus Y building. The survey was sent on September 26, 2017, to the UNC-Chapel Hill General Faculty. Of the 4,119 faculty members who received the questions, 557 (13.5%) responded. ...

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## Honorary Degrees call for nominations

The Office of Faculty Governance, on behalf of the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Special Awards, is now accepting candidates for UNC honorary degrees to be awarded at the 2019 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 nation, ...

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## Announcements and events

### Jonathan B. Howes Lifetime Achievement Award call for nominations

Show gratitude this holiday season by nominating a colleague who has exhibited professional contributions throughout their career that emulate the life and work of Jonathan Howes. The selection criteria include:

- Any retired faculty member of UNC-Chapel Hill
- Service and achievements both within the University and beyond in the wider community that have consistently exceeded the professional expectations for faculty
- Recognition by faculty and administrative colleagues for his or her judgment, ethical values and courage in pursuit of worthy goals

Nominations are due until Monday, January 15, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. [Click here](#) to nominate.

### Research Communication Grants now available

The Center for Faculty Excellence is offering publication grants to assist faculty with research communication efforts. Applications are due December 11, 2017, by 5:00 p.m. Please visit the [CFE website](#) for more information.

### Holiday Carolina Blood Drive will take place December 12

The 19th annual Holiday Carolina Blood Drive will be held on December 12th from 7:30 am until 1 pm, in Fetzer Hall. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use the sponsor code UNC.

### University Awards for the Advancement of Women call for nominations

The Carolina Women's Center is now accepting nominations for the 2018 University Awards for the Advancement of Women, which recognize contributions of faculty, staff and students toward the advancement of women at UNC-Chapel Hill. The deadline to nominate is January 26, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Learn more about The Blueprint for Next online

In the spring, Chancellor Carol L. Folt introduced a new vision – The Blueprint for Next – with University community members. The Blueprint for Next is a strategic framework that spans across all University schools and departments. It was shaped over the past three years by hundreds of people who shared their ideas about what Carolina is today and their dreams of what it can become.

Following a strong endorsement from the UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees, faculty, staff and students have moved decisively to execute these plans. Several initiatives, including Arts Everywhere and Sustainability – Three Zeros, have recently launched with campus-wide events. The University has also published The Blueprint for Next website where campus community members can engage with this vision throughout the academic year. To learn more about The Blueprint for Next and the exciting design for Carolina's future, please visit the [Blueprint for Next website](#).

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## Office of Faculty Governance calendar

*Please note that meetings are subject to schedule changes on short notice. See all meetings and events at: <https://facultygov.unc.edu/meetings/>.*



- December 4: Advisory Committee on Undergraduate Admissions; University Committee on Copyright
- December 5: Chancellor's Advisory Committee
- December 6: Committee on Community and Diversity
- December 8: Faculty Council
- December 11: Status of Women Committee; Honorary Degrees and Special Awards Committee
- December 12: Faculty Athletics Committee; Administrative Board of the Library
- December 18: Faculty Executive Committee
- January 5: Faculty Agenda Committee
- February 19: Honorary Degrees deadline for nominations
- January 8: Faculty Executive Committee
- January 11: Chancellor's Advisory Committee
- January 12: Faculty Council