

UNC FACULTY GOVERNANCE *Newsletter*



September 5, 2017



A note from Chair of the Faculty Leslie Parise

Welcome to the new academic year! I write to express my gratitude for all your well wishes since I became Chair of the Faculty and to provide you with some thoughts about what we can accomplish over the next year. The first few weeks of my tenure have been busy. The Faculty Executive ...

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Faculty Council meeting to focus on Silent Sam and General Curriculum update

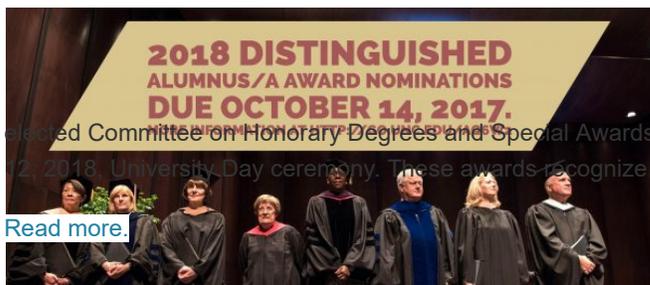
Faculty Council is scheduled to meet this Friday, September 8, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. in Kerr Hall, room 1001, in the Eshelman School of Pharmacy. Some items on the agenda include a resolution on Silent Sam, the annual presentation of the Hettleman Prizes and the Thomas Jefferson Award, and an update on the General Curriculum revision. The full agenda is ...

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Distinguished Alumna/Alumnus Awards call for nominations

The Office of Faculty Governance, on behalf of the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Special Awards, is now accepting nominations for the



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Office of Faculty Governance welcomes new leadership and staff

The past year has brought many changes to the Office of Governance. Professor emeritus Joseph Ferrell retired after twenty years as secretary of the faculty, and Professor Vin Steponaitis took on the role in July 2016. Former Deputy Secretary of the Faculty Anne Whisnant left her position to take a distinguished professorship at East Carolina University, and we said farewell ...

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Photograph: OFG staff enjoying the solar eclipse at Morehead Planetarium.

university's 2018 Distinguished Alumnus and Alumna Awards. Nominees for these awards are selected by the faculty's elected Committee on Honorary Degrees and Special Awards, and they will be presented at the October 12, 2018, University Day ceremony. These awards recognize...



Announcements and events



Carolina Conversation to focus on First Amendment and free speech, tomorrow September 6

Please join us for the first Carolina Conversation of the new academic year, titled "The First Amendment and Free Speech at UNC." This discussion will explore what the First Amendment protects, what it does not protect, and how it applies in the setting of a public university. We will also discuss state laws and University policies that regulate First Amendment rights. Mark Merritt, Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, will help to facilitate the discussion on this important topic.

This event will take place September 6, 2017, from 4:00 to 6:00pm in the Family Pleasants Room in Wilson Library. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Julia Stroup at julia.stroup@unc.edu.

University teaching awards call for nominations

Each year, UNC formally acknowledges the central role of teaching and mentoring by recognizing faculty, staff and students. The University Committee on Teaching Awards offers numerous awards based on nominations by members of our university community. Please take a moment to think of those who are deserving of these awards and nominate them. More information about the awards and nomination process is available at <http://provost.unc.edu/teaching-awards>.

Nominate your favorite faculty member
or graduate teaching assistant!

TEACHING AWARDS

Presented by the Office of the Provost

Submit your nomination by October 1 at
provost.unc.edu/teaching-awards

Women's Center hosts 'What to expect when you're expecting'

What should you expect when you're expecting? Whether you're pregnant, adopting, or fostering, the only thing you know you can expect is lots of change. Join us for the CWC's overview of how to access resources on and off campus, lactation rooms and other accommodations; to find and pay for child care; and to approach work/life balance. This event will be held on September 27 from 12:00-1:15pm in the Stone Center's Hitchcock Multipurpose Room. Please RSVP [here](#). Contact cwc@unc.edu for more information.

Edwidge Danticat to deliver 25th Annual Stone Memorial Lecture

The award winning author and activist Edwidge Danticat will deliver the 25th Annual Stone Memorial Lecture on September 20th at 7pm. Danticat's work has been published in *The New Yorker* and *The New York Times*. This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required for entry. Please register [here](#).

Odum Institute offers R open labs and short courses

In partnership with the UNC Chapel Hill Libraries Research Hub, Odum Institute offers R Open Labs with Chelsea Estancona. R Open Labs are unstructured workshops intended to aid participants in using R. Each class will consist of an instructional period along with time to practice, collaborate, ask questions, and get help. For more information visit <https://ropenlabs.web.unc.edu>. The Odum Institute also offers other Short Courses on quantitative analysis, qualitative analysis, survey research, spatial analysis, statistical computing, data science, and data management. Click [here](#) to view the full calendar of events.

Diversity and Inclusion sponsors annual Diversity THINKposium

This year's Diversity THINKposium: *Exploring Our Stories* will be held at the William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education on September 20th from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Dr. William Ferris, Joel R. Williamson Eminent Professor of History, will be the keynote speaker. This event will also feature stories told by UNC faculty and staff along with periods of knowledge sharing and networking. This event is free, but registration is required by September 5th. Click [here](#) to register.

\$2K Stakeholder Engagement Voucher

The North Carolina Translational and Clinical Sciences Institute (NC TraCS) is offering \$2,000 vouchers to aid clinical and translational researchers in completing a research project. Researchers who plan to utilize community engagement strategies can use these funds to compensate health research stakeholders. UNC-CH faculty and post-doctoral fellows, and faculty members from external NC TraCS Institute affiliated institutions are eligible to apply. [Apply here](#).

Performing Arts Special Activities Fund Selection Committee is now accepting applications

The Performing Arts Special Activities Fund contributes to projects that provide quality performing arts that heighten the creative and cultural environment of our University community. Projects in all areas of the performing arts are supported. The deadline to submit applications is September 8. Click [here](#) for more information.

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/>.



- August 21-October 14: Distinguished Alumna/us Awards Call for Nominations
- September 11: Status of Women Committee
- September 12: Faculty Assembly Delegation
- September 18: Faculty Welfare Committee
- September 19: Faculty Athletics Committee
- September 26: Chancellor's Advisory Committee
- October 2: Edward Kidder Graham Award Call for Nominations
- October 2: Status of Women Committee
- October 5: Educational Policy Committee
- October 6: Agenda Committee
- October 12: University Day
- October 13: Faculty Council