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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, December 13; Open access panel featured

Faculty Council will hold its December meeting on Friday, December 13th, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm in the Pleasants Room of Wilson Library.

The [agenda is now available here](#), and all members of the faculty are welcome to attend.

Highlights of this month's meeting include remarks from Dr. Lowry Caudill, ...

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Faculty invited to participate in December 15 commencement ceremony

Chair of the Faculty Jan Boxill sent the following invitation to the General Faculty today:

Carolina's mid-year commencement ceremony will be held on Sunday, December 15 at 2:00 p.m. at the Dean E. Smith Center. There are fewer graduates ...

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General Education Council seeks faculty feedback on assessment competencies by January 8th

The notice below was sent to the UNC-Chapel Hill General Faculty on Friday, December 6, 2013 on behalf of the [UNC General Education Council](#), a system-wide committee working on implementation of the 2013 UNC system strategic plan.

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Reminder: VPN requirement going live, December 18th

ITS would like to remind all faculty members that Dec. 18 is the day that ITS will be going live with the requirement for faculty (and staff) to use VPN for off-campus access to ConnectCarolina (and UNC-Secure for on-campus wireless access). More information here:

<http://ccinfo.unc.edu/important-changes-to-connectcarolina-access-for-faculty-and-staff/>

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.

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.

Nominations period open, 2015 UNC Honorary Degrees (deadline January 16)

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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2014 Mary Turner Lane Award Call for Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2014 Mary Turner Lane Award. 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 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

- December 18: [Lesson Planning](#)
- January 9: [Common Issues During the First Week of Class](#)
- January 14: [Classroom Management](#)
- January 21: [Clinical Trial Budgets](#)
- January 22: [Publishing in Peer-Reviewed Journals in the Arts and Humanities and Social Sciences](#)
- January 24: [Developing Effective Mentoring Programs for Early Career Faculty](#)
- January 31: [Playing to Your Strengths as a Teacher, Researcher, and Departmental Colleague](#)

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

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