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Faculty Affairs Newsflash

Welcome to the April 2023 edition of **Newsflash**, the new Clemson University Faculty Affairs newsletter. Each month during the academic year, expect a roundup of academic affairs activities and events of interest to Clemson faculty.

Newsflash Spotlight: Faculty Senate



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FACULTY SENATE

Faculty Senate announces resolutions on the agenda for the General Faculty Meeting on August 16, 2023. The full text of both resolutions and the reports that originated the recommendations are available on BOX (accessible by all faculty using their Clemson login).

[Box Folder](#)

[Summary](#)

Summary of proposed constitutional amendments:

- Amend the name and charge of the Faculty Senate Research Committee to include scholarship and creative endeavors;
- Amend the definition of "constitutional faculty" to include some Special Rank faculty with the primary responsibility of teaching, research and service or any combination thereof. This will permit special rank faculty to be candidates in college elections for membership in the Faculty Senate, including all the rights and responsibilities such as voting.
- Amend the Faculty Senate's method of apportioning Senator seats based on population in response to the increased size of represented faculty by adding eligible ranks of Special Faculty.
- Amend the composition of the Faculty Senate to eliminate the position of "Alternate Senator."

Considering the complexity of the proposals, the Faculty Senate will host information sessions:

- **Thursday, May 10:** Hybrid format information session from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Edgar Brown Senate Chambers. May also access via [Zoom](#).
- **Tuesday, August 15:** Virtual format information session, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. via [Zoom](#).

Additionally, all faculty are encouraged to meet with their college's lead senators. Since the current Faculty Senate session ends on April 11, representation may change. The [Faculty Senate website](#) will list current college representatives.



New Questions for Clemson's Course Evaluation System (Summer 2023)

Faculty Senate announces an update to the general set of questions used in all student evaluations in summer 2023. The current set has been used with only minor modifications since the system started over 20 years ago. The new questions were developed in conjunction with [OTEI](#) and the Division of [Undergraduate Studies](#) and are based on evaluation of current research related to student course evaluations. The new questions will launch in the **summer of 2023**, with the following preamble at the top of the evaluations:

This updated Student Survey of Teaching form was developed following the Clemson University Faculty Manual requirement that this questionnaire meet "minimum requirements of current research-based practices for student rating of course experience." For student users, this survey aims to provide faculty with constructive feedback about their teaching practices. For faculty evaluators, student surveys shall be only one of the methods used to assess teaching effectiveness. Further information about the use of student surveys can be found in the Faculty Manual. As with previous versions of the survey, supplemental questions may be added by individual faculty and academic departments. This form is maintained by the Faculty Systems Administrator who can be reached at EKAdmin@clemson.edu.

The [new question set](#) can be found in the "Default Question Set."

Course Evaluations Are Live for Spring

Evaluations are open for spring, with a default end date of April 30. Faculty with concerns about their spring evaluations should email EKAdmin@clemson.edu.



Faculty Success

The **TPR Pre-Check Process** for faculty who plan to declare promotion candidacy in Fall 2023 has launched for faculty with ranks of associate professor, assistant professor, senior lecturer, lecturer, and special faculty. The process can be found in Faculty Success/Tasks/Inbox. Any faculty member missing an expected process should email dmadmin@clemson.edu with the subject 'Missing Pre-Check Process.'

Basic Data Populated in Faculty Success/Activities: Proposals automatically load every Thursday. Manual uploads have been completed for the following:

- Scheduled Teaching records for Summer 2022, Fall 2022 and Spring 2023
- Graduate Committees

Faculty members needing assistance with missing committees should email dmadmin@clemson.edu with the missing Graduate Committee subject. Include the student's first and last name and CUID. If the student has graduated, indicate which term.

OTEI

OTEI Spotlight: Neurodivergence Lunch and Learn

Please join us for an Autism Acceptance Month session covering neurodivergence and student experiences at Clemson. This will be an opportunity to think about course design in relation to neurodivergent students and hear from students directly.

Date: Friday, April 28
Time: 12:15 -1:15 p.m.

[Zoom link](#)

Sponsored by Clemson University Spectrum Program and OTEI.



Clemson Online Spotlight: Summer Training Sessions

Clemson Online offers several training sessions this summer. View the available [training opportunities](#) on their website. For instructors teaching online for the first time this summer or fall, Clemson Online also offers the [Online Course boot camp](#) based on Quality Matters.

Next Month...

Look for the next newsletter in May. To recommend academic affairs items and news that you would like to see in future newsletters, please email Melissa Welborn at welbor4@clemson.edu. Prior newsletters can be found on the [Faculty Affairs Newsflash](#) website.

Who is Faculty Affairs?

The following offices and programs comprise the [Faculty Affairs](#) group in the Provost Office:

- Organization of Academic Department Chairs
- ACC Academic Leaders Network (ACC-ALN)
- Network of College Associate Deans with faculty success roles (ADs-Faculty Success)
- Clemson University Faculty ADVANCEment Office
- Office of Teaching Effectiveness and Innovation
- Clemson Online
- Emeritus College
- University-level matters related to Faculty Recruitment and Retention
- Faculty Review Processes, including tenure, promotion, reappointment, and post tenure review
 - Watermark Faculty Success
 - Watermark Course Evaluations and Surveys (EvaluationKIT)



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