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Dear Colleagues: Although we are four weeks from the start of classes, I know how much effort has gone into preparing for the upcoming academic year. I want to thank all of you again for your thoughtful planning and resilience in this truly difficult time.

Many of us feel most challenged by the uncertainty that COVID-19 has created. I appreciate your fortitude as we make detailed plans recognizing that we may need to change our plans as circumstances warrant.

Because of concerns regarding impacts of Tropical Storm Isaias, we are **rescheduling the Faculty Town Hall** scheduled for 8/4 to **Weds., Aug. 5 at 7:00 pm**. An invitation and description of the event will be coming in an email from the Provost's Office later today.

Good news to share:

- The United Nations Academic Impact and the Millennium Compact Network partner to provide the [Millennium Fellowship](#) 'a 10 session, semester-long leadership accelerator convening student leaders across universities to improve their student organizations, partnerships, and community impact.' More than 15,000 undergraduates from more than 1400 campuses worldwide applied to join the Millennium Class of 2020. Less than 10% were selected as Millennium Fellows including 13 students from Salisbury University! Each Millennium Fellow project focuses on one of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and is designed to benefit the campus and/or greater Salisbury community. Please join me in congratulating Brian Polkinghorn (Conflict Analysis & Dispute Resolution and Executive Director, Bosserman Center), Brittany Foutz (CADR), Abey Adeoye (recent History alumnus), and others who supported our students in winning this recognition. Campuses and names of fellowship winners are listed on the website above.
- The College of Health and Human Services (CHHS) recently announced the creation of the [Center for Healthy Communities](#) which will benefit our local community through workforce development grants, professional continuing education, community service grants, and community-based learning. The Center, led by Teresa Simmons, will work on current CHHS initiatives, such as the School of Social Work's Behavioral Health Integration in Pediatric Primary Care (BHIPP) Program and the School of Nursing's Faculty Academy and Mentorship Initiative, and help other areas launch similar programs.
- Deneen Long-White (Community Health) and Teresa Simmons learned last week that they have won a major award from U.S. Department of Health & Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to develop behavioral-health teams to support children whose parents are impacted by substance-abuse disorders. The total funding on this project is expected to be nearly \$2M. Congratulations Deneen and Teresa!
- Jill Caviglia-Harris (Economics and Environmental Studies) recently won a \$108,000 grant from Resources for the Future (RFF) and the National Aeronautics and Space

Administration (NASA). Her project team includes collaborators from NYU, San Diego State, University of Montana, NC State, and the New Zealand Forest Research Institute. They will evaluate the value and impact of satellite imagery in monitoring and enforcing deforestation limits in accordance with the Brazilian Forest Code. Congratulations, Jill and team!

- Speaking of external funding, thanks to all of you who have continued to work on proposals despite these challenging times. Thanks as well to our colleagues in the Office of Sponsored Programs for their expertise and commitment to supporting your work. FY20 (last academic year) was the highest for ‘indirects’ from grant and contract awards with more than \$568K earned that can be reinvested in research, graduate education, faculty development, and other programs.
- Shanetia Clark (Early and Elementary Education) has been named an editor of *Voices from the Middle*, a quarterly journal of the National Council of Teachers of English. This peer-reviewed journal offers original contributions providing innovative and practical ideas for classroom use that are rooted in the most current research.
- [SU was ranked tops](#) by the career platform Zippia as a best public college in Maryland for getting a job in 2020.
- Thanks to all of you who completed the Faculty Extra Instructional Productivity Survey – we landed well above 85% responding. The information you provided in the FEIP is very helpful in communicating the great work you do and the scope of faculty ‘workload.’

Please join me in welcoming colleagues to campus leadership roles:

- Rich Bowler, Interim Chair, Department of History
- Aurelie Van de Wiele, Interim Chair, Department of Modern Languages and Intercultural Studies

Training, Resources, and Reminders

- Our membership in the [National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity](#) provides access to a wide array of resources, including monthly writing challenges, preparing tenure and promotion materials, self-care in a time of uncertainty, discussion boards, and more. Don’t forget to tap into this rich resource.
- Please remember to complete the training modules/policy acknowledgements as described in the email from Salisbury University IT Training sent on July 15th. Modules include: Acceptable Use Policy, Confidentiality Policy, Phishing Fundamentals, Understanding and Protecting PII, and the U.S. Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
- Melissa Thomas and colleagues at ID&D have organized several components for your syllabi which are available under [Course-Related Policies and Resources](#) at the Academic Affairs website. Also, see the email that Melissa Thomas forwarded today that provides several training and support activities available through the USM’s Center for Academic Innovation.
- The Fulton School’s Remote Teaching Specialist program will be hosting several workshops this month. Info is available in the Faculty Senate COVID-19 MyClasses Canvas Site.

Due to the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, we are postponing fall 2020 GULL Week. We hope to host a make-up GULL Week in spring 2020. We will release further updates before the end of the fall semester.

- SU's [Lower Shore Child Care Resource Center](#) has a list of regional childcare providers.

COVID-19 Information on the [COVID-19 websites](#) is constantly being updated as is the Faculty Senate MyClasses Canvas Site. New info includes:

- SU has implemented an electronic COVID-19 self-screening process for all members of the campus community. Employees must use this self-screening process to assess their risk and record their status, any day that they are coming to campus. Employees are encouraged to complete the daily self-screening [online](#). Soon, this process will be possible through SU Mobile, SU's iOS and Android app. See the email sent today from COVID Screening for more information.
- Late last week, the [USM stated that a negative COVID-19 test result](#) will be required for all students and System employees. Please monitor your email for more information on testing. While SU will offer free testing, those able to get tested in advance through their primary care providers or an [approved Maryland testing site](#) are encouraged to do so as soon as possible or within 14 days before returning to campus. The [Wicomico County Health Department](#) also is offering testing.
- Per attached guidance from the Maryland Secretary of Health, **Out-of-state travel by Maryland residents is strongly discouraged**. This includes personal travel. We are making plans for supporting **out-of-state students arriving from hot-spot states**. All students will be required to provide a negative test result before coming onto campus.

If you want to share information about events/activities of interest to faculty across campus, please send them to provost@salisbury.edu at least three days before the first Monday of each month.

Take care and thanks again for your hard work and commitment,
Karen

Upcoming dates of interest (new events and deadlines in bold) – See the [Registrar's Calendar](#) for important dates

- **8/5** Town Hall for Faculty 7:00 pm
- **8/13** Town Hall for Faculty 7:00 pm
- 8/24 Adjunct Faculty Welcome Back and Orientation
- 8/25 New Faculty Orientation
- 8/26 Faculty Development Day, Provost's Welcome Back
- 8/28 Academic Program Welcome Event (2:00-3:00 pm)
- 9/3 Summer Research Poster Session (3:30-5:30 pm)
- **9/4** Drop/Add ends
- **9/7** Labor Day but Classes in Session!
- 9/25 Research Day 2020
- 9/29 [SU Giving Day](#)
- 12/4 Last Day to change grade of I awarded in Spring 2020 semester
- 12/18-12/20 Commencement Exercises for May and December 2020 graduates

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