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Dear Salisbury University Faculty and Academic Affairs Staff and Partners:

Happy new year! It's hard to believe the excitement about Y2K was twenty years ago, but here we are. I hope each of you had a restorative and fulfilling holiday break.

Below are a few news items, development and funding opportunities, and an updated calendar. 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.

News to share:

- Congratulations to Stu Hamilton and colleagues in the Department of Geography & Geosciences for remaining at the **top of all online masters programs in Geographic Information Systems (GIS)** beating out U. Arizona, U. Washington and U. Maryland College Park to name a few ([Best College Reviews 2019](#)).
- Dr. Lilian Odera will join our campus as **Director of Student Counseling Services** on February 12th and will bring broad clinical and other experience to the position. She earned her Ph.D. and masters degrees in Clinical Psychology from the U. of Michigan. To learn more about the Counseling Center, click [here](#).
- Candace Henry has been appointed **Director of Student Disability Services** through a competitive search process. Ms. Henry is a terrific partner to Academic Affairs and will hit the ground running after serving as acting director of the Disability Resource Center. To learn more about the DRC, click [here](#).
- Please join me in **wishing Aaron Basko and his family the best** as he heads to a new position at Sweet Briar College. Aaron has been a tremendous leader on campus and has done so much to actively engage Academic Affairs in student recruitment.
- For several years, we have made a concerted effort to support students who are exploring different majors and minors. These students have a dedicated academic advisor (Will Weldon), a Living-Learning Community, and [targeted marketing materials](#) available to them - all in an effort to remove the negative stigma previously associated with being 'Undecided.' Last fall, an **Exploratory Studies Program** was developed to further this cause. Exploratory Studies better reflects the process that students go through as they explore their own strengths and interests as well as the programs of study we offer. There is no cost associated with the change of name from Undecided to Exploratory Studies.
- Once again, SU's Global Seminar program is providing world-class high-impact field-based learning all over the world during this January term. **Fourteen faculty members are teaching 140 students in eight countries on four continents.** This year students are studying in Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America. Many thanks to the faculty members who are providing this global learning experience for our students.
- As you know, each semester the University hosts countless cultural, scholarly, and artistic events, many of which are listed in Panorama each semester. **Panorama for Spring 2020** will soon be posted [online](#) – as appropriate, please share events with your students or consider including some of these in your courses.

Funding and development opportunities:

- Applications for The SU Foundation, Inc. **Professional Development Grant** program are being accepted until 1/17/20. The [SUF Professional Development Grant program](#) supports conference travel for the presentation of papers, posters or performances at regional, national or international conferences and venues; research activities; creative activity; attendance at regional, national or international conferences and seminars; and activities improving the quality of life in this community.
- The **SU Faculty Mini-Grant Program** provides awards up to \$3,000 to encourage faculty to develop research, scholarly, or creative programs that provide the potential for sustained professional development and extramural

support. Additionally, the program is intended to support faculty in areas that traditionally have difficulty securing funding to increase their research and scholarly activities output. Proposals to this program are encouraged from all five academic units and the Library. An official program announcement is forthcoming on 2/1/20 and applications are due on 2/28/20; contact Teri Herberger for more information.

- Calls for Spring 2020 applications for [Graduate Research & Presentation \(RAP\) Grants](#) and [University Student Academic Research Awards \(USARA\)](#) are posted. Due dates in the calendar below.
- The **10th Annual Teaching & Learning Conference** at SU will be held on 2/21/20. Don't miss this terrific opportunity to share best practices with your colleagues.
- **Style Guides Explained:** This workshop, led by the University Writing Center, will discuss how writers and researchers use styles in order to be part of academic and disciplinary communities. Participants will be introduced to MLA, APA, and Chicago style guides and how they are implemented in academic writing and research, as well as explore resources for each of these three popular styles. February 13, 2020, 3:30-4:30, Writing Center, GAC 260.
- The SU Libraries will again be offering **Course Enhancement Grants** of \$750 to support faculty in collaborating with librarians to revise existing courses or design new courses. More information will be forthcoming shortly about the application process. The deadline for applications will be April 1.

Thanks again for all you do and very best wishes for the upcoming semester,
Karen

Upcoming dates of interest (new events in bold) – See the [Registrar's Calendar](#) for important dates for Winter and Spring 2020 academic sessions. For information about performances, lectures, and other cultural events, check out [Panorama](#) which will be available online soon.

- 1/15 DEADLINE for submitting request for transitional terminal leave beginning Fall 2020
- 1/16 Posters on the Bay
- 1/17 SU Foundation Professional Development Grant applications due – see 11/5 email from Amy Waters**
- 1/24 New Student Orientation
- 1/24 New Faculty Orientation Spring Event 11 am – 4 pm
- ~~2/2~~ **Admissions Open House correct date is 2/22**
- 2/13 Writing Style Guide Workshop, 3:30-4:30 pm, Writing Center, GAC 260
- 2/14 Applications for RAP Grants due**
- 2/15 DEADLINE: Promotion application to department promotions committee
- 2/21 10th Annual Teaching and Learning Conference at SU
- 2/20 Applications for USARA grants due**
- 2/22 Admissions Open House**
- 2/28 Faculty Mini-Grant applications due**
- 3/1 DEADLINE: Departmental/School promotions committee due to department chair/school director
- 3/6 SU Women's Forum Conference 2020 Vision: 100 years of the Vote
- 3/7 Scholars Day
- 3/15 DEADLINE: Completed application (Part A) for Spring 2021 sabbatical leave to department chair/school director
- 3/15 DEADLINE: Completed Sabbatical Reports (Part B) for Fall 2019 sabbaticals due to Provost's Office
- 3/15 DEADLINE: Department Chair/School Director recommendations on promotions to unit deans
- 3/30 DEADLINE: Dean's recommendations on promotions to Committee on Promotions
- 4/1 Applications for Library Enhancement grants due**
- 4/3 Justice & Equity Forum
- 4/4 Admitted Students Day
- 4/15 DEADLINE: Completed applications (Part A) for Spring 2021 sabbatical leave forwarded to Deans
- 4/18 Admissions Open House
- 4/22 DEADLINE: Committee on Promotions recommendations to Provost
- 4/24 SUSRC
- 5/1 Honors Convocation
- 5/1 DEADLINE: Completed applications (Part A) for Spring 2021 sabbatical leave forwarded to Provost
- 5/8 OURCA presents: Three-Minute Blitz, 4-6 pm, Specific Gravity
- 5/8 DEADLINE: Provost's recommendations for promotion to President
- 5/15 ROTC Commissioning Ceremony 10 am in HH Great Hall

- 5/15 Graduate Commencement Exercises
- 5/16 Undergraduate Commencement Exercises
- 5/22 Notification of promotion to faculty in writing by President
- 8/31 Notification of sabbatical leave for Spring 2021 to faculty by President

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