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Dear Colleagues,

It's April 5th, which means we are less than six weeks from the end of the 2020-2021 Academic Year. I know the next several weeks will be filled with many emotions for students, staff, and faculty alike and especially for our May 2021 graduates.

Speaking of which, our **Commencement** plans are well underway. Please see the [Commencement website](#) for details of [the virtual ceremonies](#) that are being developed for the CHHS and Fulton, Henson, Perdue, and Seidel Schools (videos will launch at 1 pm on Saturday, May 15) as well as a ceremony for graduate students (launches at 6 pm on Friday, May 14).

A Grad Walk for all graduates (undergrad, masters, and doctoral students) will take place on May 13-16. Students can register for their walk times starting on April 19 with specific times reserved for graduate students. This event will give our graduates a chance to walk across the stage, hear their name announced, and have their photo taken by professional photographers and family members (4 guests per graduate). Faculty are welcome to stop by the Grad Walk events (planned to run from 9 am-6:30 pm each day unless prohibited by public health concerns). Please see the [Grad Walk webpage](#) for more information.

We are also approaching the culmination of another major project. The Faculty Senate approved the **General Education** Steering Committee's proposed model to go forward for a full faculty vote. Please see the 3/30 email from Faculty Senate President Randy Cone for meeting times and dates for discussion of the [model](#) in advance of the all faculty vote. My sincere thanks to Tom Cawthern and members of the GESC for their thoughtful work on the proposed model and to your Faculty Senators for their deliberate consideration of the model and the process.

There continues to be lots of **Good News and Appreciations** to share this month!

- Christy Weer, dean of SU's Perdue School of Business, has been named among Maryland's Top 100 Women for 2021 by *The Daily Record*, a Baltimore-based business newspaper. Congratulations Christy on this well-deserved award!
- Our students continue to have success winning nationally competitive fellowships with three Goldwater awardees, three DAAD Rise internships, and one Fulbright thus far. Kudos to Kristen Walton and Adam Woodis in the SNCFO, all the faculty research members of these students, and, of course, the students themselves for their great work.
- To celebrate National Poetry month, there is a wonderful collection of poems written by SU students posted on the first floor of the GAC. Check it out!
- SU's Mid-Atlantic Marketing and Sales Institute (MASMI) recently hosted the first [National Shore Sales Championship](#) with student competitors representing 45 campuses from across the U.S., Canada and India. Congrats to Amit Poddar and the entire MASMI team on this terrific competition!

- Please congratulate your colleagues recognized in our recent [Service Awards](#) program including Paul Scovell (Communication) and Mike O'Loughlin (Political Science) on 40 years and Kashi Khazeh (Finance) on 35 years of service. Thanks to HR for organizing this annual event and Tim Robinson for advocating to include adjunct faculty.
- SU's 2021 edition of [Re:Search magazine](#) is now available; check out all the great things that are happening in research, graduate studies and beyond.
- Congratulations to the Spring 2021 cohort of PACE's Civic Engagement Across the Curriculum (CEAC) seminar: Sally Perret (Modern Languages), Ashley Petrolino (Public Health), Shannon O'Sullivan (Communication), and Yujia Song (Philosophy). Also, look for an invitation from PACE to lead a session in their *Democracy Across the Disciplines* course in the fall. This year's program will partner with the Voices to Votes exhibit visiting the Nabb Center.
- The Seidel School of Education/College of Health & Human Services Diversity Interest Group (DIG) invites you to a virtual Justice & Equity Forum to be held on April 9. Participants will engage in conversations about University and community initiatives that address justice and equity across schools, disciplines, campuses, and the broader Eastern Shore region. Registration link is [here](#). See 3/29 email from Brian Flores (Early & Elementary Education) for more information.
- Congratulations to SU Outstanding Graduate Student Award winners Katelin Anderson (English) and Kacie Cassar (History).
- Hats off to Brian Stiegler and colleagues in the Janet Dudley-Eshbach Center for International Education, Rhy Bemis (Director, OURCA) and faculty mentors for their work with students from Huila Province, Colombia who are studying and engaging in research on our campus this semester.

Training, Resources, and Reminders

- Applications for AY21-22 Faculty Learning Communities are being accepted through April 19. Click [here](#) for more information.
- Starting today, Information Technology will retain Zoom meetings for 180 days from the point of the recording's creation. These recordings are stored in the account holder's Zoom portal (<https://salisbury.zoom.us>). After 180 days a recording will be placed into the trash of the account holder's Zoom portal. Recordings can be restored from the trash within 30 days but will be permanently deleted after that.
- We are planning a workshop on departmental practices to increase diversity and inclusion on the morning of May 18. More information coming soon.
- An information session for the Fulbright Scholars in Residence program (international faculty we would host on our campus) will be held on April 14 at 4 pm. Contact Brian Stiegler for more information.
- The College of Health & Human Services recently received full approval to change the name of two of their academic programs: Community Health (B.S.) is now Public Health and Applied Health Physiology (M.S.) is now Health & Human Performance.
- New and improved digital curriculum forms for Curriculog will be available on June 1 and training for this platform will be available upon request during the summer and next fall.
- If you are feeling in need of support, the USM has many resources available to support you (see attached).

COVID-19 Information on the [COVID-19 website](#) is constantly being updated, so please regularly check that. My sincere thanks to our colleagues in Campus Health and Student

Health Services for the tens of thousands of tests administered since the academic year began and all of you for your diligence to our protocols. I am happy to announce that in addition to the SU Faculty & Staff Vaccine Clinic being held tomorrow, vaccine clinics for students are now being planned as well. Finally, please see the attached, updated guidance on social distancing, gatherings, etc.

Academic Affairs Town Halls are planned for April 8 and May 20 (May Town Hall rescheduled due to Grad Walks). If you would like to submit a question or comment (anonymously or not), you can do so through the Questions/Feedback box on the [Academic Affairs webpage](#). Please submit your questions by noon on the day of the Academic Affairs Town Hall.

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.

Very best regards, and as always, thanks for your great work and commitment to our mission and our students,
Karen

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

- 4/6 Giving Day
- 4/6 Vaccine Clinic at SU
- 4/6 Gen Ed proposed model discussion (5-6 pm**
<https://salisbury.zoom.us/j/92509115867>)
- 4/7 Gen Ed proposed model discussion (11 am-noon,**
<https://salisbury.zoom.us/j/96526224229>)
- 4/8 Academic Affairs Virtual Town Hall 4:00 pm Zoom link [here](#)
- 4/8 Gen Ed proposed model discussion (6-7 pm,**
<https://salisbury.zoom.us/j/96422505522>)
- 4/9 Gen Ed proposed model discussion (9-10 am,**
<https://salisbury.zoom.us/j/99560306629>)
- 4/9 Justice & Equity Forum
- 4/10 Admitted Students Day 1
- 4/12 Gen Ed proposed model discussion (4-5 pm,**
<https://salisbury.zoom.us/j/98513045847>)
- 4/15 DEADLINE for chairs to submit Spring 2022 sabbatical recommendations to Deans.
- 4/19 Applications for AY21-22 Faculty Learning Community applications due
- 4/22 DEADLINE: Committee on Promotions submits recommendations to Provost (Round 2)
- 4/23 SUSRC
- 4/24 Admitted Students Day 2
- 4/29 Fulbright Fellowship Interest Meeting [Registration](#). Contact [Kristen Walton](#) for details.
- 5/1 DEADLINE: Provost notifies President of promotion recommendations (Round 2)
- 5/1 DEADLINE for Provost to submit recommendation regarding Spring 2022 sabbaticals to President

- 5/13 Academic Affairs Virtual Town Hall 4:00 pm – Rescheduled to 5/20**
- 5/13-16 Graduate and Undergraduate Commencement Exercises**
- 5/15 DEADLINE: for President to notify faculty of promotion decision (Round 2)
- 5/17 Regular semester session grades due by noon**
- 5/18 Workshop on Instilling Equity and Inclusion in Departmental Practices
- 5/20 Academic Affairs Virtual Town Hall 4:00 pm** Zoom link [here](#)
- 6/18 Juneteenth Holiday observed**
- 8/1 DEADLINE for President to approve/not approve Spring 2022 sabbatical applications

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