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Happy new year and apologies for the day-late First Monday email; that may be par for the course in 2021! I hope you had a peaceful, healthy and rejuvenating holiday break.

### **Good news to share:**

- Please join me in congratulating your colleagues whose outstanding work was recognized with the SU Alumni Association Faculty Appreciation Award at our 2020 Commencement Exercises last month:
  - Scott Mazzetti, Health Sciences, College of Health & Human Services
  - Mike Lewis, Environmental Studies, Fulton School of Liberal Arts
  - Sophie Wang, Mathematics & Computer Science, Henson School of Science & Technology
  - Leonard Arvi, Economics & Finance, Perdue School of Business
  - Ron Siers, Secondary & Physical Education, Seidel School of Education
- I'm happy to report that in a survey of student experiences last fall here at SU, 2/3 of respondents indicated that faculty were very accessible and 44% reported that their courses were very challenging.
- With the budget picture looking slightly more promising, we invite sabbatical applications for the Fall 2021 semester from eligible faculty. Given continued budget constraints, we may not be able to fund all eligible applicants, but would like to fund as many endorsed applications as possible.

### **Training, Resources, and Reminders**

- **The Faculty Awards and Recognition Committee (FARC) is calling for nominations for SU's Distinguished Faculty Award, the highest award given to a faculty member who has demonstrated excellence in the three areas of teaching, professional development, and service. See the 1/5/21 email from Katherine Miller, Chair of the FARC, for more information.**
- **The Enhancing Courses with Emerging 3D Technologies Faculty Learning Community invites submission of ideas for how emerging 3D technologies available on campus could improve one of your courses. The 3D FLC will choose one idea to make a reality during the Spring 2021 semester. Please see the 11/30 email from Steve Binz or contact Steve ([smbinz@salisbury.edu](mailto:smbinz@salisbury.edu)) or Chris Woodall ([cmwoodall@salisbury.edu](mailto:cmwoodall@salisbury.edu)) for more information. Applications are due by 1/10.**
- **The [SU Cares Website](#) was recently updated and includes a compendium of resources for students, faculty, staff, and families. Please feel free to email [sucares@salisbury.edu](mailto:sucares@salisbury.edu) with any questions or recommendations for items for inclusion.**
- **The Disability Resource Center (DRC) is pleased to announce its inaugural AccessAbility Advocate Training Program which is designed to promote disability awareness and**

understanding through the development of the skills and knowledge necessary to foster an accessible and inclusive living/learning environment for individuals with disabilities. Sessions for faculty start on Feb. 1. See the 12/18/20 email from [disabilitysupport@salisbury.edu](mailto:disabilitysupport@salisbury.edu) for more information.

- **Keep an eye out for a call for applications from the Office of Graduate Studies & Research for funding opportunities that will be available this spring for undergraduate (USARA grants) and graduate students (RAP grants) and faculty (Building Research Excellence (BRE), Research Mini-grants).**
- **ID&D is happy to announce that Respondus lockdown browser is now available for Chromebooks. Please see the [ID&D KnowledgeBase](#) for information.**

**COVID-19 Information and plans** for the spring semester are still under development, please keep an eye out for updates.

- Plans continue to be developed for Winter Term and Spring Semester testing regimes. All students and University employees returning to campus this month are expected to be tested within 7 days of their return to campus.
- **Prox (Gull Card) access will be required for entry into all buildings over winter session to minimized entry by the general public. Students and University employees should be able to gain access to University buildings unless they are medically not cleared or do not have a negative test on record within the required time frame. The front entrance of Holloway Hall and the first floor entrances of the Commons are open.**
- For the spring semester, we anticipate requiring negative test results of students who live on campus to be received prior to their return to residence halls. We also anticipate increasing testing requirements.
- In December, Governor Hogan issued an emergency order requiring Marylanders to limit all travel to essential purposes only. All Marylanders who travel outside of Maryland or any individuals who travel to Maryland must either obtain a negative COVID-19 test result (must quarantine while waiting for the result) or self-quarantine for 10 days. This applies to all states, with the exception of DE, PA, VA, WV, and DC. Campus visitors from most states (not those listed previously) need to provide proof of a negative test result within 72 hours prior to arrival on campus to participate in any University sponsored functions and/or to enter campus buildings.
- [COVID-19 testing](#) continues this month. Campus community members who are considered at high-risk or who live with those who are should feel free to contact Campus Health at [campushealth@salisbury.edu](mailto:campushealth@salisbury.edu) or 410-677-0006 for assistance with parking or scheduling a testing time reserved for high-risk individuals.

In Spring 2021, we hold **Academic Affairs Town Halls** every Second Thursday at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. 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 Faculty Town Hall. Click [here](#) for the Zoom link for these

meetings.

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

I wish you all the best for January whether you are teaching, engaged in scholarly, creative or service activities, or are simply gearing up for spring.

Happy new year!

Karen

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

- 1/14 Academic Affairs Virtual Town Hall 4:00 pm**
- 1/15 DEADLINE: Submission of transitional terminal leave requests for AY21-22**
- 1/21 Spring Adjunct Faculty Orientation – 6:00 – 7:30 pm**
- 1/22 Spring New Faculty Meeting – 10:00 am – 2:15 pm**
- 1/25 Fall 2021 Sabbatical applications due to your dean**
- 2/1 Round 1 dossiers submitted to Committee on Promotions via Digital Measures**
- 2/5 SU Anti-Racism Summit 1-5 pm**
- 2/11 Academic Affairs Virtual Town Hall 4:00 pm**
- 2/15 DEADLINE: Submission of promotion file by faculty to department promotions committee (Round 2)**
- 2/19 Faculty Teaching & Learning Conference – see 11/5/20 email from Erin Stutelberg – more info coming in the near future.**
- 3/1 DEADLINE: Deadline for Departmental Promotions Committee to submit promotion recommendations to Department Chair (Round 2)**
- 3/1 DEADLINE: Deadline for Committee on Promotions to submit recommendations for promotions to Provost and notification, in writing, to the applicant faculty (Round 1)**
- 3/11 Academic Affairs Virtual Town Hall 4:00 pm**
- 3/15 DEADLINE: Deadline for Department Chairs to submit report on promotions to Deans (Round 2)**
- 3/19 Distinguished Faculty Award Nominations due**
- 3/22 DEADLINE: Provost submits promotion recommendations to President (Round 1)**
- 3/30 DEADLINE: Deans to submit promotions recommendations to Committee on Promotions (Round 2)**
- 4/8 Academic Affairs Virtual Town Hall 4:00 pm**
- 4/15 DEADLINE: President to notifies Faculty of promotion decisions (Round 1)**
- 4/22 DEADLINE: Committee on Promotions submits recommendations to Provost (Round 1)**

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- 5/1 **DEADLINE: Provost notifies President of promotion recommendations (Round 2)**
- 5/13 **Academic Affairs Virtual Town Hall 4:00 pm**
- 5/14 **Graduate Commencement Exercises**
- 5/15 **Undergraduate Commencement Exercises**
- 5/15 **DEADLINE: for President to notify faculty of promotion decision (Round 2)**

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