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## Campus Feels More Like Campus Again

A few weeks into the semester and students are everywhere, filling the Student Union, the John C. Hitt Library and outdoor sidewalks with backpacks, scooters and skateboards. Face-to-face classes and in-person events are surging. More normalcy is refreshing.

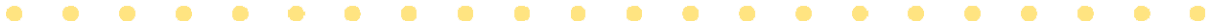
Starting a new academic year is exciting but can be stressful. The [Faculty Excellence](#) membership to the National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity is a [great resource](#) for all UCF faculty, postdocs and graduate students. It offers valuable guidance on time management, life-work balance, completing a successful semester and much more. Also, [UCF's Employee Assistance Program](#) offers confidential resources for faculty and staff who are facing difficult personal or family circumstances.

It has been a real pleasure seeing so many of you in person at different meetings or events. Please feel free to stay in touch with [me or our team](#) at [Faculty Excellence](#) about how UCF can support you further as the new academic year unfolds.

Charge on!

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## Important Dates

### Key Faculty Application Deadlines

Several key application deadlines for faculty are ahead:

- **Professional Development Leave/Deadline: Oct. 19**

[In-Unit](#)

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- **Excellence Awards/Deadline (Dean's Office): Dec. 1**

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- **Pegasus Professor/Deadline: Dec. 1**

[In-Unit](#)

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- **Reach for the Stars Award/Deadline: Dec. 1**

[More information](#)

- **Research Incentive Award (RIA)/Deadline: Dec. 12**

[In-Unit](#)

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### Sick Leave Pool Open Enrollment

Open enrollment for the UCF Sick Leave Pool runs through September.

To be eligible for membership, applicants must be employed with UCF continuously for at least one year and have accrued 64 hours of sick leave as of September 2022. New members are required to donate 16 hours of their sick leave; part-time employees will donate an amount proportionate to their FTE. Membership letters will be sent to new applicants by early October 2022.



Current members of the Sick Leave Pool do not need to rejoin during open enrollment. Interested faculty and staff should send [applications](#) to the Human Resources Leave Administration section at [loandworkcomp@ucf.edu](mailto:loandworkcomp@ucf.edu).

### Learn More

## **Classes, Campuses to Close Early for Oct. 13 Weeknight Football Game**



UCF's classes and campuses will close at 2 p.m. for a weeknight home football game on Thursday, Oct. 13.

In addition to the main campus, the early closing also applies to the Central Florida Research Park, UCF Downtown, the Rosen College of Hospitality Management and UCF Connect campuses. Offices at those locations also will close at 2 p.m. for normal operations.

Faculty who teach classes that start before 2 p.m. but end after that time will have the option to hold the portion of those classes that comes before 2 p.m.

### Learn More



## **Valuable to Know**



### **Guidance on HB 7 Legislation**

New state legislation, [House Bill 7](#), affects state universities as they seek to support inclusivity, learning and student success.

The law changes how discrimination is defined but does not deter from teaching controversial and challenging subjects. Here are [answers to FAQs](#) about the law, which Provost Michael Johnson addressed recently in a [message to faculty](#). Also, here's guidance on [fostering civil discourse](#) on controversial issues of all kinds.



## Latest Workday Help for Faculty

A [Faculty Workday Resources page](#) offers onboarding help, and additional [training sessions](#) are being developed for faculty on how to better navigate UCF's new workflow system for success.

If you have a Workday problem or question, please contact your unit's [business center](#), [submit a Workday help case](#) or call a Knights Experience Team customer care coordinator at (407) 823-6398.



## Development Opportunities



### Workshop: How to Write an Impact Statement

One of the hardest parts of assembling your promotion/tenure dossier is writing the impact statement. Many faculty do not know where to start. Attend this workshop on Oct. 6 at noon for insights and guidance.

[Learn More](#)



### Workshop: CV Best Practices

A strong curriculum vitae is the best tool to advance your career by applying for awards and/or promotion/tenure. In this two-part workshop on Oct. 17 at noon, senior faculty will help give your CV a tune-up by providing do's and don'ts, tools and resources.

[Learn More](#)

## Non-Tenure Earning (NTE) Faculty Community



Interdisciplinary Non-Tenure Earning (NTE) Faculty Community monthly forums provide professional and leadership development plus peer support. All NTE faculty are invited to join monthly face-to-face (morning sessions) or in Zoom (afternoon sessions). This time is set aside to mentor/partner with other NTE faculty to network, share best practices and request information.

Upcoming meeting dates:

- October 12
- November 2

### [Learn More](#)

## BIPOC & First-Generation Assistant Professor Mentoring Community

This community supports tenure-earning faculty as they work to achieve tenure.



As first-generation faculty, there is no predefined path, and navigating academia can be intimidating and lonely. The literature shows both BIPOC (black, indigenous and people of color) and first-generation faculty can often fall through the cracks and may have difficulty earning tenure. Dr. Reshawna Chapple will lead this cohort to help you define your research and teaching, navigate expectations and connect you with other faculty members across campus. Applications are open until capacity is reached.

Upcoming meeting dates:

- October 7
- November 4
- December 2

### [Learn More](#)

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