

Faculty Council

October 2 Meeting Summary

Action Items: school reps, please forward this meeting summary to your respective faculties.

- UNC system's statement on hurricane relief efforts:
<https://www.northcarolina.edu/news/unc-system-responds-to-storm-impacted-western-campuses/>
 - UNCSA's message with links to resources and ways to help:
<https://www.uncsa.edu/chancellor/communications/20241003-hurricane-helene.aspx>
 - All ticket revenue from Fall dance and beyond will be donated to hurricane relief efforts.
- State Employees Combined Campaign: ncsecc.org
- Open Enrollment info: <https://www.shpnc.org/ebenefits>
 - Instructional video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Map_50-ziEg
 - Sign up for one-on-one help:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BAFAA23ABFAC16-51385648-open#/>
- Homecoming schedule: [Whova Agenda Webpage](#)
 - Faculty registration form for Homecoming events (free): [Blackbaud](#)
 - Volunteers needed, especially Friday and Saturday (sign-in tables, wayfinding on campus, checking lanyards at events_)
 - Sign up or email ketnerc@uncsa.edu: [MyImpactPage - UNCSA \(betterimpact.com\)](#)
- UNCSA Expertise Directory: <https://www.uncsa.edu/news/experts/index.aspx>

Meeting Outline

Approval of Minutes and Hurricane Helene Response

- Jeffrey George discusses the approval of minutes from the September 18 meeting, noting two corrections received by email. Minutes are approved with a third correction, without dissent.
- Jeffrey George mentions the hurricane Helene response and relief efforts, acknowledging the serious impact on students and faculty.

- Jeffrey George praises Laurel Donnelly, Tammy Ford, Tommy McMasters, and Martin Farrell for their efforts in the hurricane response to ensure students could contact their families despite internet and power outages.
- Jeffrey George mentions a link to the UNC system statement on hurricane relief efforts, emphasizing that displaced students can receive health services at other UNC system schools.
- Brian Cole announces that all ticket revenue from the Fall dance onward will be donated to hurricane relief efforts.

State Employees Combined Campaign and Homecoming Weekend

- Jeffrey George mentions the state employees combined campaign, which has raised \$2000 towards a goal of \$5000 and seeks 50 employees to participate.
- Rebecca Burkeen and Shannon Wright from the advancement office discuss the upcoming Homecoming weekend, highlighting various events and activities.
- Rebecca and Shannon provide details about the schedule, including campus tours, parent-teacher conferences, and special events like the Chancellor's welcome and a keynote from drama alumnus Matt Lauria.
- Rebecca and Shannon invite faculty and staff to register for free and encourage volunteers to help with the event.

Open Enrollment, Collaborative Days, Expertise Directory

- Jeffrey George provides information on open enrollment, including a YouTube instructional video and a sign-up for one-on-one help from HR.
- Jeffrey George reminds faculty to update their primary care physician and make tobacco attestations annually.
- Jeffrey George announces another collaborative day on October 17, which is dedicated to the schools to determine optional student programming (can be compulsory for faculty).
- The collaborative day on November 11 is dedicated to PickleCon. Schools can schedule other activities, which must be optional for students. Deans can schedule mandatory activities for faculty, but PickleCon takes precedence.
- Katherine Johnson introduces the new UNCSEA experts directory, highlighting its purpose to highlight faculty expertise for media inquiries.

Behavior and Threat Assessment Team

- Deputy Chief Gregory Foreman discusses the behavior and threat assessment team, explaining the process of assessing credibility and seriousness of potential threats.
- Deputy Chief Foreman outlines the definitions of threatening behavior, persons of concern, and targeted violence, emphasizing the importance of reporting any concerns.

- Deputy Chief Foreman and Jeffrey George discuss the potential impact of new regulation on political protest actions and the importance of clear communication.

Admissions Challenges and Health Services Update

- Patrick Sims provides updates on admissions, including the officially-launched search for a VP of Enrollment Management, the transition to a new director of admissions, and the challenges of balancing enrollment strategy with faculty benchmarks.
- Patrick Sims discusses the search for a new director for health services, emphasizing the need for someone who can provide timely on-site care and manage the budget effectively.
- Patrick Sims mentions the peer assessment process required by the system and the importance of building a stakeholder coalition to support this effort.

Commencement and Software Platform Consolidation

- Brian Cole introduces the topic of commencement, noting his absence due to his daughter's graduation and expressing his love for the event.
- Brian Cole discusses the strategic plan to consolidate software platforms to improve efficiency and data protection, with a focus on transitioning to the Microsoft suite.
- Brian Cole emphasizes the need for seamless transitions and effective training.
- Brian Cole mentions the potential cost savings and efficiency gains from consolidating file storage and other resources.
- Brian Cole highlights the importance of meeting the needs of departments and schools while ensuring a smooth transition to the new platforms.