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Faculty Success Newsletter

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This issue of Faculty Success *Summarized* provides opportunities and resources to support faculty development, teaching, policy, research, and more.

You'll find invites to Q&A sessions for reviews and promotion, resources and services to navigate challenging times, opportunities to network and discuss important topics like accessibility and generative AI, midterm updates, and other helpful services.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

- **Prepare for your sabbatical application** in this virtual Q&A session on Wednesday, Nov. 8 from 2:00-3:00pm.
- Join the UO Mentorship Reimagined virtual workshop for mentors: **How to be a responsive and adaptive** mentor on Thursday, Nov. 9 from 1:00-2:00pm.
- **Preparing your tenure file**? Join this virtual Q&A session on Tuesday, Nov. 14 from 11:00am-12:00pm. In preparation, please review the community.uoregon.edu materials related to preparing your tenure file.
- **Ask questions about faculty reviews** including topics like promotion, tenure, and reclassification in this virtual Q&A session on Wednesday, Dec. 6 from 1:00-2:00pm.
- Attend this live, remote training about **Preparing for Difficult Conversations as Faculty** from Academic Impressions on Tuesday, Nov. 28.

TEACHING

- Faculty navigating the context of the Israel-Hamas war in your classes can **contact the Teaching Engagement Program** for any teaching-related support we can provide, and are invited to explore relevant resources including our:
  - **Trauma Informed Pedagogy resource**

  - **Student Well-being Toolkit**
  - **Teaching in Turbulent Times Toolkit**

- **Neurodivergent Instructors & Staff Affinity Group** meetings are the first Tuesday of each month (Nov. 7) from 10:00-11:00am. Neurodivergent instructors and staff are invited to these informal gatherings to share resources, strategies, questions, and scholarship around things that matter to you.

- Join colleagues to explore ways to mitigate students' math anxiety in the **Science Teaching Journal Club** on Thursdays, 9:00-10:00am (Nov. 9, 16).

- Explore five Canvas course site essentials for online classes in the **Developing your Online Course** workshop on Thursday, Nov. 9 from 2:00-3:00pm. This workshop meets the senate policy requirement for first-time online classes.

- The Teaching and Generative AI CAIT invites faculty and GE instructors to the ongoing **discussion about the implications of GenAI** on teaching and learning on Thursday, Nov. 16 from 11:00-12:30pm. See the Artificial Intelligence Resource Guide for links to helpful resources about GenAI at UO.

- For faculty and staff concerned about a student's mental health and wellbeing and wanting to learn how to effectively respond and help, attend the **Care for Students: Supporting Student Mental Health and Wellbeing** presentation on Nov. 17 from 10:00-11:00am.

- Join **Designing for Accessibility: Coffee and Co-working** for an informal, supportive co-working session for instructors and staff looking to expand accessibility in their courses. This regular event takes place on the third Tuesday of each month from 12:00-1:00pm (Nov. 21).

SEE ALL TEACHING NEWS & EVENTS

POLICY

- As per the **Canvas Use policy**, instructors of record are to provide up-to-date student progress information by the end of Week 6 (Nov. 3). This deadline has passed. If you have not provided students with an update, please do so as soon as possible. Attend Ron Bramhall's office hours if you have questions.

- As reports of illness on campus increases and some students are running up against their course absence limits, we encourage faculty members to revisit the **Course Attendance and Engagement Policy** and consider how they

might accommodate students experiencing extraordinary circumstances using the guidance provided.

- The University of Oregon administration and United Academics of the University of Oregon are **pleased to announce** a memorandum of agreement that allows more time for faculty to develop or revise unit policies. The Office of the Provost is currently finalizing guidance and templates for all four policies and will have those posted to the provost website soon.

SEE POLICY REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESEARCH *from the Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation (OVPRI)*

- The OVPRI Faculty Research Awards (up to $10,000 in support for research expenses or $7,000 for summer stipend) and Research Seed Grant (up to $25,000 for individuals and up to $50,000 for teams) programs **are accepting applications** through January 14, 2024.

- Receive impactful UO research and innovation news and stories when you **subscribe to PURSUIT,** OVPRI's monthly newsletter. Share story ideas with Kelley Christensen, director of research communications.

OTHER

- Attend the **Libraries Support for Research, Instruction, and Open Scholarship** session on Nov. 8 to ask questions and hear an overview of essential Libraries services and resources for UO researchers and instructors.

- Join the **Microsoft Teams 101 training session** on Nov. 16 to improve your basic Teams skills and train on features, such as video calling, chat, channel use and more.

- The Knight Library now has a **reservable study room for caregivers**, including UO faculty, and children, known as the “ABC 123 Room,” which stands for “All Babies and Caregivers” in Room 123.

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