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**[HHS Faculty] Updates from The HHS Office of Research**

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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 academic year! I hope summer offered a refreshing change of pace. The following topics are covered in this email:

- 1. Status of the School Regarding External Submissions and Awards (please note, these data were shared at the convocation)**
- 2. Internal Funding Available and Research Workshops this Academic Year ([attachment](#))**
- 3. Reminder: April Taylor is our new Post Award specialist**
- 4. HHS RAC Membership this AY**
- 5. Updates: HHS OOR Equity Audit**
- 6. Seeking Feedback on Revised Mission Statement: [Response Requested](#)**
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**1. Status of the School Regarding External Submissions and Awards (please note, these data were shared at the convocation)**

This year, our colleagues brought in \$10.16 million in funding. As a result, HHS remains the lead academic unit in external funding on campus. This is our 4th consecutive year breaking the \$10 million mark. The university as a whole broke the \$50 million dollar mark for the first time. KUDOS!

Further, 12 academic departments campus-wide brought in more than a million dollars last fiscal year; and 5 of the 12 are from HHS!

- Nutrition, \$1.02 million (*special shout out for new accomplishment!*)
- Social Work, \$1.07 million
- Kinesiology, \$1.25 million
- Public Health Education, \$1.27 million
- Human Development and Family Studies, \$4.47 million

HDFS remains the academic department that brought in the most external funding. *WOW!*

External submissions increased by over \$8 million dollars last year relative to the previous year with over \$38.68 million dollars requested. Given the incredible stressors faced by faculty over the last 2+ years, this is a tremendous success. Thank you to each and every person who submitted an application, and Verna as well as Lisa and Hannah who assisted with various applications!

**2. Internal Funding Available and Research Workshops this Academic Year ([attachment](#))**

I am pleased to report that HHS and UNCG's commitment to research remains high as evidenced by ongoing internal support for research. Please note, the goal of the HHS Research Initiatives Funding is to meet faculty research needs. If you have a specific need to advance your research program and do not believe it fits within the parameters of these initiatives, please reach out to me or Lisa Walker via email. For your convenience, Lisa has compiled all currently known sources of internal funding, deadlines, and links to application information along with all currently planned workshops related to research. Please see attached.

**3. Reminder: April Taylor is our new Post Award Specialist**

We are delighted that April Taylor is serving as the HHS OOR Post Award Specialist. Please direct post-award inquiries to April. She will confer with Lisa as needed as she gets up to speed in this role and acquainted with various faculty and their grants/contracts. In case you missed the initial announcement:

April joins us after almost 9 years as a Business Services Coordinator in the Social Work Department and almost 10 years at UNCG. Prior to that, April worked for Indiana University – Purdue University as a Financial Specialist having worked with grant and foundation accounts; she also worked as an Accountant for the University of South Dakota and for Ernst & Young LLP.

April is an alumna of Indiana University earning a Bachelor of Science in Business with an Accounting concentration; she has in-depth experience with financial management and budgeting which, coupled with her accounting background, will transfer well to the post award position.

April and her husband are originally from Arkansas. They had lived in numerous states in the Midwest and upper Midwest for the 15 years prior to coming to and falling in love with North Carolina. April's favorite pastime is spending time in the North Carolina mountains where she enjoys hiking and all of the outdoor activities that our state has to offer.

We are excited about the expertise April brings to HHS and to our research team. Please feel free to stop by and say 'hi' if you're passing through the second floor of the Stone Building; April is in Stone 233.

#### **4. HHS RAC Membership this AY**

The HHS Research Advisory Committee (RAC) members advise me about a number of matters including the use of resources, research policies, and researcher needs. They also serve as reviewers of internal grant applications and serve as the selection committee for HHS Research Excellence Awards, along with ad hoc faculty who are assembled based on needed expertise or due to conflicts (please see our [Conflict of Interest Policy](#)). The committee currently consists of seven faculty from six HHS departments, named below (\*denotes members new to the committee this AY). Membership is at my invitation and in consultation with department chairs. I strive to have representation from varied fields of study and research traditions (e.g., quantitative, qualitative, basic/bench, applied/community engaged), but workload factors in to who is able to serve as does the likelihood of having frequent conflicts (e.g., pre-tenure faculty apply for more internal funding than mid and later career faculty). The composition of the RAC will continue to evolve based on lessons learned from the HHS OOR Equity Audit and changing needs over time. Please be sure to share your ideas, questions and concerns with current RAC members or me.

##### **HHS RAC Member, Dept**

Lucia Mendez, CSD

Sharon Morrison, PHE, *HHS OOR Faculty Fellow for Community Engaged Research\**

Catherine Scott-Little, HDFS

Lenka Shriver, NTR

Danielle Swick, SWK\*

Amanda Tanner, PHE

Laurie Wideman, KIN

#### **5. Updates: HHS OOR Equity Audit**

We continue to make strides to address themes that emerged in the equity audit. Additional work/plans since the last update (sent on March 18) by theme include:

##### *Improve communication, reduce microaggressions and enhance transparency*

- Finished full group OOR meetings with Dr. Silvia Bettez; as a next step Assistant Dean Lisa Walker and I will continue to meet with Dr. Bettez to dig deeper into issues related to power, white privilege, and communication tendencies given our roles involve frequent school wide communication and decisions related to resource allocation

##### *Clarify mission of the HHS OOR and align services*

- We have a revision ready for feedback--please see # 6

##### *Enhance support available for qualitative and community engaged researchers*

- Attended multi-day web conference, Campus Compact, which focused on DEI and community engagement, thanks to funding from UNCGs ICEE, to learn more about community engagement
- Met with Interim Associate Provost for Outreach and Engagement from Michigan State University to learn about their programming and to solicit information about other models and contacts
- Designated research/team space in the Moore building to Dr. Sharon Morrison and Dr. Sudha Shreeniwas that will be used in their ongoing community engaged research (e.g., team space for undergraduate and graduate RAs to meet and work, conference room space for meetings with community partners, etc)

- Appointed Dr. Sharon Morrison as Faculty Fellow for Community Engaged Research and met with her to discuss plans for the fall semester
- Conducted interviews with 5 qualitative researchers this summer to better understand unmet needs, to generate novel solutions, and to get feedback on some ideas for the future

## 6. Seeking Feedback on Revised Mission Statement: Response Requested

One lesson learned from the HHS OOR Equity Audit was that our Mission Statement was not well-aligned with the services we provide. We (HHS OOR Personnel) have drafted a new statement that we believe better fits. In doing so, we considered our charge from the Dean, expectations of us from central research offices, the primary functions of each full-time position in the OOR and the goals of the programs/initiatives we offer. We are at a point where we would like to invite faculty feedback on the revised statement prior to considering it finalized. We will also seek feedback from the HHS RAC and Chairs Council. The current and proposed statements are noted below along with a link to a google form for your feedback.

Current: The School of Health and Human Sciences Office of Research's mission is to provide exceptional unit-based support services that equitably facilitate faculty success with research development, grant submission and management, and scholarly productivity.

Proposed: The mission of the School of Health and Human Sciences Office of Research is to provide exceptional unit-based support services that equitably: (1) facilitate success with external grant/contract submission and management; (2) disseminate information about research-related policies, systems, and opportunities within the school, university and beyond; and (3) generate and manage resources designed to support faculty excellence in research.

Link to provide feedback: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqIUQrZ9SqKMWmY\\_doWhOWWIHGNGKYuZIsB3kt-Z3DHHuriQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqIUQrZ9SqKMWmY_doWhOWWIHGNGKYuZIsB3kt-Z3DHHuriQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## 7. Upcoming due dates/events

### Application Deadlines:

- Sep 20, 5 PM [Community-Engaged Pathways and Partnerships \(P2\) Grant](#)
- Oct 2 [Undergraduate Research and Creativity Award \(URCA\)](#) (for spring 2023)
- Oct 3, 5 PM [New and Regular Faculty Research Award](#)

### Research-Related Workshops/Events

- Aug 15, 3:30-4:30 Mentoring Undergraduates in Research and Creative Activity.  
Hosted in the Faculty Center with an option to participate via zoom. Register to attend via zoom at: <https://uncg.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlocOmpjMsG9QTMgqmGtjC3okWuF8AmSrx>
- Aug 18, 10 - 11:45 [Intro to Online Surveys Using Qualtrics](#)
- Aug 24, 11-12:30 [Applying for 2022 Internal Research Awards](#)
- Aug 25, 10-11:45 [Intermediate Qualtrics](#)
- Aug 29, 1-2 pm [Applying for 2022 Internal Research Awards](#)
- Aug 30, 12-2 pm by August 23) GROWTH Networking Lunch at Old San Juan Bar and Grill (Please RSVP to [GROWTH@uncg.edu](mailto:GROWTH@uncg.edu))
- Sep 12, 9-11 am [New Faculty Orientation by the UNCG Office of Research and Engagement](#)
- Mid Sep TBD Speed Networking- Have lunch with new colleagues, learn about funding opportunities, and share ideas about STEM education through a speed-dating type format. Sponsored by the RISE Network and Sponsored Programs.
- Sep 15, 2-3:45 [Intro to Online Surveys Using Qualtrics](#)
- Sep 20, 11 am [Publishing Support in the University Libraries](#)

Oct 4, 12:30-2 pm GROWTH Lunch N Learn, Edwards Lounge Stone Building, Presenter: Dr. Noah Lenstra, Library and Information Studies

Title: Considering public libraries as multi-generational community centers: Policy, practice, and research

Oct 20-21 [Save the Date for the CWHW Speaker Series: Dr. Sonyia Richardson](#)

Oct 20, 4- 6 pm, EUC Auditorium Public Lecture: Walking on Fire: Suicide and Racially Minoritized Adolescent Girls

Oct 21, 9:30 -11:30 am, NIB 510Workshop: Ground Zero Research and Racially Minoritized Populations: A Mixed Methods Approach

Oct 21, 12-1:30pm, NIB 510: Women's Networking Lunch (be on the look out to RSVP)

Oct 25, 1 pm [Intro to Twine](#) Twine ([twinery.org](http://twinery.org)) is a free, open-source tool for making interactive fiction, computer games, and new media art that can be shared or published as HTML files; has a range of options for pedagogical creative scholarship applications.

Nov 3, 12:30-2 pm GROWTH Lunch N Learn, Edwards Lounge Stone Building, Presenter: Dr. Tyreasa Washington, Social Work, Title: TBA

Nov 30, 2pm [Research Data Management Planning](#) Very relevant to NIHs new policy on data sharing and data management that will go into effect in Jan 2023

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