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## **Penn State Faculty Digest**

The Faculty Digest provides faculty and instructors with relevant news and information about programs and resources that promote faculty success. Watch for these emails on the last Friday of every month.

### **LATEST NEWS**

- A number of faculty received awards at the [University's Faculty and Staff Awards ceremony](#) on April 14.
- Penn State faculty with ideas for exploring the educational potential of Experiential Virtual Spaces are encouraged to [apply for this year's Faculty Engagement Awards](#). The window for applications is open until Friday, May 6.
- Congratulations to Kimberly Blockett, professor of English, Penn State Brandywine, who will serve as Chair of the University Faculty Senate for 2022-23; to Michele Stine, associate teaching professor, College of Health and Human Development, who was elected Chair-Elect; and to Josh Wede, teaching professor of psychology, College of the Liberal Arts, who was elected Secretary. Full 2022-23 Senate election results are posted [here](#).
- Two informational reports were presented at the University Faculty Senate's April 26 meeting: the [Tenure Flow Annual Report](#), which presents data regarding rates at which provisionally appointed faculty members achieve tenure, and the [Non-Tenure-Line Promotion Report](#), which presents a snapshot of non-tenure-line promotions that took place in the 2020-21 academic year.
- Instructors teaching summer 2022 undergraduate courses at the University Park campus can now request to schedule [online course exams in the Pollock Testing Center](#).
- In a video message, [President Barron reflects on his time at Penn State](#).
- The "listening sessions" offered by the Office of Student Conduct are now full. These sessions are being offered to faculty due to reports of disruptive and inappropriate student behavior during course-related interactions. The Office of Student Conduct is working to schedule additional sessions.

### **COVID NEWS**

- With COVID-19 cases once again rising in Pennsylvania and across the country, [Penn State is urging its campus communities](#) to continue to take precautions to reduce the spread of the coronavirus.

- In a [“Digging Deeper” blog post](#), President Barron looks back at the University’s response to COVID-19.
- Asymptomatic COVID-19 testing for students, faculty, and staff at University Park has moved from the White Building to the new [Employee and Student Test Center at 101 North Atherton Street](#). The site is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday through at least the spring semester.
- [Masking while using Centre Area Transportation Authority \(CATA\) services is now optional](#). Masks are also optional on Penn State’s Campus Shuttle and Hershey Shuttle. Riders wishing to continue wearing masks are encouraged to do so.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**To obtain comprehensive, updated information at any time, please review:**

- The Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs [website](#)
- The University’s comprehensive [COVID-19 resources](#)
- Previous issues of this [Digest](#)