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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

- Neeli Bendapudi [began her tenure as Penn State's president](#) on May 9. She will be the University's 19th leader in its 167-year history.
- There has been a change of University Faculty Senate leadership for 2022-2023 due to Kim Blockett's departure from the University. As of June 6, chair-elect Michele Stine, associate teaching professor in the College of Health and Human Development, will serve as chair for the remainder of Kim's term (2022-2023) and then continue as chair for her elected term, 2023-2024.
- The Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs is pleased to share a new resource entitled [Faculty FUEL: Frequently Utilized and Essential Links](#). This webpage provides a list of the most utilized resources by faculty at Penn State on a variety of topics including the University structure; faculty advancement and success; diversity, equity and inclusion; instruction of students; and ethics and compliance. We encourage you to explore this resource and to share it with others.
- Academic promotions for tenured and tenure-line faculty members are listed [here](#).
- Velvet Brown, David P. Stone Chair and associate director for equity, diversity and inclusion in the College of Arts and Architecture's School of Music, has been named the [Penn State Laureate](#) for the 2022-23 academic year.
- Two faculty members – Susan L. Brantley, the Dr. Hubert Barnes and Dr. Mary Barnes Professor in Geosciences; and Mauricio Terrones, the Verne M. Willaman Professor of Physics and professor of chemistry and of materials science and engineering – have been [named Evan Pugh University Professors](#). This prestigious distinction has been conferred by Penn State to only 79 faculty members since 1960.
- At its [final meeting of the spring 2022 semester](#) on April 26, the Penn State Faculty Senate approved the addition of a preamble to the senate's constitution, discussed the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic across the University, and oversaw the transition of senate leadership.

- Penn State is launching a pilot program for a new University-wide [diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging \(DEIB\) education initiative for all Penn State employees](#).
- Students and educators from any Penn State campus can nominate Penn State faculty for a [University Undergraduate Teaching Award](#). Nominations are accepted year-round.
- There are many wonderful opportunities for faculty to continue their growth and learning during the summer months.
 - The Schreyer Institute for Teaching Excellence is offering a DEI Summer Journal Club series. Sessions are held every other week throughout the summer and will focus on a unique article relevant to DEI information and ideas. For more information, please visit [SITE Offerings](#).
 - Teaching and Learning with Technology is offering workshops on a variety of topics. For more information, please visit [TLT Offerings](#).
 - IT Learning and Development is offering workshops throughout the summer that help faculty and staff engage with the many technology-based programs available at Penn State. Topics include SharePoint, SIMBA, OneDrive, Qualtrics, and more. For more information, please visit [ITLD Offerings](#).

COVID NEWS

- [Face masks are now required to be worn indoors on five additional Penn State campuses](#), in accordance with public health guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that advises masks be worn in counties with high COVID-19 Community Levels. Effective Tuesday, May 31, face masks will be required indoors at Penn State Beaver, Greater Allegheny, New Kensington, and University Park. The University previously announced that masks are required at Penn State Abington, Behrend, Brandywine, Great Valley, Hazleton, Lehigh Valley, Scranton, and Wilkes-Barre.
- The [Employee and Student Test Center at 101 North Atherton Street](#) has paused as of May 13. The site will not be available for rapid or PCR testing during the summer. Employees should seek testing resources in their local community.

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](#)