Hopefully you are settling into the semester now, and enjoying your teaching. I wanted to share some events and news with you that relate to teaching and learning in the College.

1. Welcome new faculty! The College welcomed many new faculty this academic year. We hope if you are new to Carolina you will reach out to this office (Instructional Innovation) and your more local colleagues for advice about teaching and learning. If you are a more experienced colleague, consider being the person to reach out to your new departmental member to see if that person has questions related to classroom ideas. New faculty often need help navigating the many resources we have on campus.

2. Carolina Conversations about Inclusive Classrooms. The first Carolina Conversation of the academic year, hosted by Chancellor Folt, will be Monday September 19 from 5:00-6:30 pm. We will be modeling techniques used in inclusive classrooms to hear all voices. We hope you will provide your thoughts, and take away some practical actionable ideas.

3. Nominate now! The University Teaching Awards deadline for nominations is coming up very soon--October 1st. [http://provost.unc.edu/teaching-awards/](http://provost.unc.edu/teaching-awards/)

Some departments have award committees to ensure that their faculty are being represented in the nomination pool. Other departments informally ensure that students are aware of specific awards. Not sure what you and your colleagues are eligible for? We have a flow chart at the website above, in addition to advice about what makes for a useful nomination letter.

4. Safety in our classrooms. What do you do if the Alert Carolina sirens go off when you are in the middle of teaching? If you are worried about a student, who should you tell? The Office of Undergraduate Education is hosting several events this fall to help you answer questions like these. The goal of the events is to:

- To feel empowered to make best choices during unpredictable emergency situations.
- To become familiar with the status of safety initiatives.
- To recognize signs of students who may need support and direct them to appropriate support services on campus.
- To voice concerns and ask questions to our campus experts.

Four remaining sessions:

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[RSVP for Safety Session: https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_e4FSpuVDAme8nj](https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_e4FSpuVDAme8nj)
5. **Community impact with your course?** Are you teaching a course or considering teaching a course that impacts the community? With a few tweaks, it might be a service learning course. Service-Learning Courses offer the opportunity to extend learning beyond the walls of the classroom, aiming to increase the student’s understanding of the course content and its impact on local communities. Read more: [http://ccps.unc.edu/apples/service-learning-courses/](http://ccps.unc.edu/apples/service-learning-courses/)

6. **Interdisciplinary course idea?** In order to encourage new innovative, integrative team-taught interdisciplinary teaching at the undergraduate level in the College of Arts and Sciences, the Dean’s office announced a call for course proposals. The College will fund up to six proposals for new courses to begin in the Fall 2017 or Spring 2018, balanced across the divisions of the College. The expectation is that proposals will involve faculty across two College units. Proposals are due Nov 17th.

7. **Kudos:** we love to hear about and publicize what is going on around our College related to teaching and learning. Please send any news to [Kelly_Hogan@unc.edu](mailto:Kelly_Hogan@unc.edu) to be featured on our Facebook and twitter accounts. Please follow us if you have an interest in this kind of news and more. [https://www.facebook.com/IIatUNC/](https://www.facebook.com/IIatUNC/) and [https://twitter.com/IIatUNC](https://twitter.com/IIatUNC) No news is too small to share! Help us get started this semester with news about your class or a shout out about a colleague’s class.

8. **Throwable microphone.** One new classroom engagement technology we’ll be piloting this fall is a throwable microphone. [http://us.getcatchbox.com/](http://us.getcatchbox.com/) Let us know if you are interested in trying it!

Hope your semester if off to a great start,

Kelly Hogan