



**NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL  
AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY**

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# ***ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATES***

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## Division of Academic Affairs Updates

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# *Strategic Planning*

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## Core Values

- **Learning.** We cultivate a culture of intellectual inquiry, personal growth and achievement.
- **Integrity.** We uphold high moral character and exude unwavering ethical behavior.
- **Inclusiveness.** We embrace diversity and inclusiveness as we work together for the advancement of the University and the world.
- **Responsibility.** We hold ourselves accountable to the highest standards of performance for the success of our University.
- **Excellence.** We demonstrate high quality and attention to detail in all our endeavors.

## Strategic Priorities

- Commit to excellence in teaching, research, public service and engagement.
- Prepare our students for success in their careers and life pursuits.
- Excel in resource stewardship, innovation, operational effectiveness, and efficiencies.
- Strengthen our campus community by embracing diversity and inclusion at all levels.
- Create an intellectual climate that encourages the creative exchange of ideas and increases the quality of the professional environment.



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# *Teaching with Technology*

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- **The Teaching with Technology Committee** was established to provide professional development for faculty to use state-of-the-art instructional technologies effectively and efficiently. The committee was charged to:
  - develop and implement a sustainable training model to help faculty to effectively use the state-of-the-art technology for teaching and learning.
  - develop an aggressive implementation timeline to begin the training.
- **Outcome to date:**
  - A campus-wide Teaching with Technology Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2018.
  - Other training and coaching workshops/seminars/lunch-and-learn activities will continue throughout the academic year



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# *Faculty Handbook*

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## 6.23 Review of Faculty Handbook (Report of the Handbook Committee)

- The chapters of the Faculty Handbook shall be evaluated for revisions no later than four years from the last revision/review. The last revision was April 8, 2011.
- One of the priorities for 2017-2018 was to review and revise the faculty handbook to reflect the new academic restructuring and updates in academic practices.
  - The Faculty Handbook Committee met diligently and engaged the faculty—soliciting input and feedback and consulted with the Provost, Legal Affairs, Human Resources, and University deans to ensure that the faculty handbook is in compliance with the University’s policies and practices as well as those of the UNC System.
  - An editor was also hired to provide light copyediting services to ensure that the handbook was well written.
- The Faculty Handbook Committee focused on the most critical components of the handbook to ensure compliance and functioning within our University's procedures and policies. However, the following chapters included more significant changes:
  - Chapter IV: Constitution
  - Chapter VI: Policies of the University
  - Appendix B-2: Regulations on Academic Freedom and Tenure of the UNC Code
  - Appendix B-3: N.C. A&T State University Post Tenure Review Policy
- Handbook is now in the approval phase, starting with the Faculty Senate





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# *SACSCOC Reaffirmation*

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## SACSCOC Reaffirmation of Accreditation

1. Reaffirmation of Accreditation visit will be in Spring 2021
2. Self-Study and Quality Education Plan are due in Fall 2020
3. The Reaffirmation Steering Committee has been meeting since Fall 2017
4. Steering Committee members are now setting up their internal Compliance Review teams
5. The focus is on gathering of data and evidence and ensuring compliance with the 14 sections of the SACSCOC standards



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# *Senior Administration Hiring*

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## Update on Deans Search

1. Agriculture and Environmental Sciences (*Search continued.*)
2. Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (*Search continued; two more applicants scheduled for interview.*)
3. Health and Human Sciences (*Candidate selected; offer extended and accepted.*)
4. Science and Technology (*Campus interviews are now being conducted.*)
5. Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering (*Three candidates selected for campus interviews; two interviewed; one withdrew.*)
6. Business and Economics (*Position approved for posting; Search Firm Hired; Search Committee in place*)

## Faculty Searches

1. Being managed by deans;
2. Most are progressing well; and
3. Offers have started going out and acceptance letters are coming in.



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# *Honorary Degree*

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An honorary degree is one of higher education's most significant accolades. North Carolina A&T State University will award Honorary Doctoral Degrees, **on a very selective basis**, to **recognize distinguished individuals who have attained lasting distinction in a field or activity consonant with the mission of the University, including scholarship, creativity, leadership, and humanitarian or public service, at the state, national or international levels.**

Honorary Degrees may **not** be awarded to encourage or reward financial contributions to the University. Only the Board of Trustees may authorize the award of an honorary degree.

Upon recommendation of the Chancellor, the Board of Trustees will confer Honorary Doctoral Degrees in the following categories:

1. Honorary Doctor of Sciences
2. Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters
3. Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts

To date, based on University record, 57 honorary doctorates have been awarded. The first doctorate recorded was in Spring 1969 to the Honorable Elreta Alexander.



**Questions/Comments**