

## WHAT TO KNOW: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### QUESTION: WHAT IS THE ACADEMIC PORTFOLIO REVIEW, AND WHY IS UNCG DOING IT?

**Answer:** This is the first comprehensive review of UNCG's academic programming in more than a decade. It began in late 2022 and will conclude in February 2024. This well-established practice in higher education is necessary to put UNCG on solid financial and academic footing now and for the next 10 to 20 years. It is, however, but one tool we utilize to sharpen our focus.

Specifically, UNCG leaders are exploring ways to strengthen programs where the University excels; identifying programs that may no longer be sustainable; and hone the University's competitive edge in a challenging – and changing – environment for higher education. This review will help ensure UNCG has the right mix of academic offerings to meet student needs and provide sufficient support for programs.

### QUESTION: WHERE IS UNCG IN THIS PROCESS, AND WHAT COMES NEXT?

**Answer:** As of Jan. 16, 2024, Provost Debbie Storrs and Chancellor Franklin D. Gilliam have shared the [deans' recommendations](#) for specific program discontinuations with the campus community. Several opportunities for consultation and engagement with the Provost and Chancellor will take place between Jan. 17th and Jan. 31st (see below). Chancellor Gilliam will determine any program discontinuations on Feb. 1 and communicate them to the campus. The University will thereafter begin the process of identifying other academic programs for investment.

Any programs removed from University offerings will not accept any new students as of fall 2024. Students currently enrolled in these programs, and in good standing, will be able to complete their chosen degrees at UNCG.

### QUESTION: HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS?

**Answer:** UNCG has been committed to robust consultation and engagement throughout this effort. Additional opportunities for consultation with Chancellor Gilliam and Provost Storrs include:

#### Faculty Senate –

- 3-5 p.m. Jan. 10, EUC Auditorium (forum)
- 3-5 p.m. Jan. 17, Alumni House (meeting)
- 3-5 p.m. Jan. 24, Alumni House (\*meeting without Chancellor or Provost)
- 3-5 p.m. Jan. 31, Alumni House (meeting)

**Student forum** – 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m., Jan. 19, EUC Auditorium

**Campus-wide forum** – 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Jan. 23, EUC Auditorium

**Alumni forum** – 5:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m., Jan. 23, virtual meeting

**Graduate Council** – 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Jan. 26, NIB 510

**Undergraduate Curriculum Committee** – 2 p.m.–3:30 p.m., Jan. 26, NIB 510



The live streams from the faculty, student, and campus-wide forums can be viewed at [innovation.uncg.edu](https://innovation.uncg.edu)

### QUESTION: WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROCESS? HOW CAN I STAY UP TO DATE?

**Answer:** UNCG's [Reinvention & Innovation website](#) is the regularly updated, detailed hub of information about the portfolio review and next steps, including [this detailed timeline](#). The administration also will be communicating updates often via email. The site's "Latest Information" page includes emailed announcements.

### QUESTION: I WANT TO SEE THE DATA THAT UNIVERSITY DECISION-MAKERS ARE WORKING WITH. WHERE CAN I SEE IT?

**Answer:** Check [this section of the Reinvention & Innovation website](#), which provides helpful context and a direct connection to data resources.