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: The deans have engaged their unit-level processes following a detailed evaluation approach. Rubric weighted recommendations from the Academic Portfolio Task Force shaped these efforts. On Jan. 16, Provost Debbie Storrs and Chancellor Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr. will announce deans’ recommendations for specific program discontinuations. Chancellor Gilliam will determine any program discontinuations on Feb. 1 and communicate them to the campus. The University will soon thereafter begin the process of identifying other academic programs for investment.

Detailed wind-down plans will take time to be developed, reviewed, and approved. 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 in this effort. Future 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

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.