Special Feature

Glass, Concrete and Stone: UMD Sees New Stores, Buildings—and Gears up for the Purple Line

Ask anyone on campus about the massive changes happening around College Park and they might recall a famous Hemingway line: gradually, then suddenly. While the near-constant development has lulled much of campus into a construction sleep state, the dividends are beginning to pay off, transforming the greater campus community almost overnight. There’s a lot to be excited about—new restaurants (Vigilante Coffee, Cava), shopping (Lidl), art-driven walkability (Paint Branch Bridge) and new faculty/staff-inspired housing (Southern Gallery) are just a handful of projects in the over $2 billion College Park investment.

Interested in exploring what’s new—and what’s coming—from the comforts of your desktop? Check out this great interactive guide of Greater College Park from Maryland Today, here.

Purple Line Updates

Crews were at work this semester clearing the way for the impending Purple Line. As they continue their work into winter, here are a couple of key updates to consider when commuting across campus:

Union Lane Closure: From Thursday, December 20, 2018, through Sunday, January 6, 2019, access to Union Lane from Campus Drive will be closed due to construction (see map below). Union Lane Garage will still be accessible via a temporary detour along Fieldhouse Drive.
Don’t miss the bus: With the closure of Campus Drive North, UMD DOTS has expanded and altered bus service routes, which will be particularly helpful during the cold, snowy months. Check out the schedule here.

Recognition & Awards
DST Lecture Series

Merle Collins:
November 15
"The Search for the Story of Louise Langdon Norton Little, Mother of Malcolm X"
PTK Excellence Awards
The nomination period for the PTK excellence awards will open soon via the APA Portal. We encourage nominations for non-tenure track faculty who have been appointed as full time faculty at UMD for at least five years. Read more.

Policy & Procedures
Sabbatical Approval Process
In early 2018, the University of Maryland was audited by the Office of Legislative Audits regarding faculty sabbatical leaves. The audit found that UMD was not in full compliance with state, USM, and our own sabbatical leave policies. More specifically, the audit found that faculty members and the university were not meeting sabbatical requirements in:

- Requesting and receiving approval to receive non-state pay during sabbatical leave;
- Ensuring that potential conflicts of interest are mitigated during sabbatical leave; and,
- Submitting sabbatical reports within three months of sabbatical completion.

Since the findings of the audit, the Office of Faculty Affairs (OFA) has developed templates to facilitate faculty requests for outside funding during sabbatical leave and faculty sabbatical reports, and expanded the attestation language for faculty members and administrators regarding potential conflicts of interest. The templates are available at: https://faculty.umd.edu/faculty/leave.html#sabbatical, along with more information. Our goal is to embed these forms, requests, and approvals directly into a redesigned sabbatical application, an effort that is already underway.
In addition, OFA has worked with faculty members and administrators to solicit overdue sabbatical reports, and we extend our thanks to those who have submitted their reports as part of this effort. As of January 1, 2019, please note the following changes:

- Any new request for sabbatical leave will not be approved for faculty members with overdue reports.
- A faculty member’s six-year eligibility period for sabbatical leave will begin from the date of receipt of the overdue sabbatical report.
- Any new request for sabbatical leave that identifies non-state pay (e.g., a fellowship, visiting professorship) during the sabbatical leave period will not be approved until the faculty member requests and receives approval to receive such payment (note: this excludes payment from grants through the university).

Faculty members who submit their sabbatical reports within the requisite three-month period or will not receive non-state pay during their sabbatical leave will not experience any change.

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**Faculty Development**

**The Rhythms of the Semester: Implications for Practice, Persona**

We begin each semester on a different note than we end on. The early weeks hold promise and high hopes, both often curtailed when the first assignments are graded. The final weeks find...Read more from Faculty Focus.

**2019 ORIENTATION - SAVE THE DATES**

- August 13 & 14:
- August 20 & 21:

New Administrators

New Faculty

Check our Orientation website for details in late spring!

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**Support UMD Emeritus/Emerita Projects**

The University of Maryland Emeritus/Emerita Association

Read more.
(UMEEA) is now accepting donations to support its programming, and academic, educational and social initiatives. Contact Frank Alt, Associate Professor, Emeritus and Interim Chair, for more information. Give now.

Tips & Resources

Manage Grading Without Getting Overwhelmed

Grading is one of the most challenging, thankless, and important parts of teaching. When the end of the semester draws near, finals loom for students and final grades loom for instructors. Read more.

Two-Minute Tips from the Chronicle of Higher Education: 3 Tips for the Minutes efore Class

Looking for a way to improve your teaching? Start by working on your re-class routine. The minutes before class begins provide a prime opportunity to set the tone for a successful lesson. View the video.

News & Events

Save the Dates

Hold a place on your calendar for our upcoming forums and workshops. These are just some of the programs lined up for the spring; more workshops and events will be announced soon. Check our website in early 2019 for details.
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