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# Honor System plans new class

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With the inauguration of the new Honor Court chairman and student attorney general, changes are on the horizon for the Honor System.

In addition to narrowing the 104 court membership applications, the court is experimenting with a class that will be given as a sanction for students who violate the Honor Code. Honor Court Chairwoman Caroline Schneider said.

The class is scheduled to begin in the fall, and it is in its pilot stage now.

Last year's Honor Court Chairman Dan Cowan said that in addition to the class there would be community service, probation or other sanctions for Honor Code violators.

"If the court thinks the student would particularly benefit from the class, they are given the sanction," Schneider said. "Its aim is to help the students who have been given an Honor Code violation make smarter and better decisions at Carolina."

Cowan said the class is not just for people who have had an Honor Code violation but for any interested students.

The five-week program will have weekly sessions focusing on different aspects of being a successful student, including dealing with ethical dilemmas, setting long-term goals and using the available resources at UNC.

"We think it would be beneficial for all students," he said. "That would be our goal in the future."

Last year's Student Attorney General Ben Peterson said an increase in the number of cases reported to Honor Court last spring caused internal changes.

At the end of last spring Honor Court received about 40 case reports that occurred in the last week of class — about twice the normal number, Peterson said.

"We experienced a snowball effect of needing to catch up when we got back, and that pushed things back and back and back," he said.

To deal with the large number of cases, Peterson said the court processed seniors first because seniors cannot graduate with a pending Honor Code violation. The court also essentially doubled the number of council members.

Peterson said he thinks the community's growing willingness to report cases might have been a factor in the increased number of reports.

"I think it is largely an indicator of how the Honor System is becoming a more prominent fixture in the University community," Peterson said.

Honor Court Vice Chairman Emmanuel Bello said he thinks many of the changes, especially the class, are the result of people's desire to make UNC a more honorable place.

"We're not just responding to violence, but we're actually trying to raise the level of honor on campus," he said.

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# Faculty center taps professor as director

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Patrick Conway will be the first director of a new UNC center that aims to help faculty members keep up with their changing roles within the University.

Conway, whose selection was announced Thursday, has been a faculty member for 25 years, during which he won teaching awards for both graduate and undergraduate students and served on various University committees.

Conway will take over as director of the Center for Faculty Excellence July 1, and he will continue to work with graduate students in a teaching capacity though only part time.

"He's an outstanding teacher, and he is well-respected for his research and scholarship as well," said Steve Allred, executive associate provost.

"But he's also been a real citizen of the University — deeply engaged in things like Faculty Council and a wide variety of initiatives. ... I think he's really committed to UNC."

The Center for Faculty Excellence will cater to the needs of faculty members, focusing on teaching, research and leadership.

As director, Conway will provide an overall vision for the center and make sure day-to-day activities are consistent with that vision.

University officials are now holding a national search for the executive director, who will preside over the center's staff, Conway said.

Writing grant proposals and providing grant opportunities are two areas Conway said he wants to focus on while in the position. And although the center's development is still in progress, he said the goal is to further update the resources available to the faculty.

"The UNC campus and Carolina in general is an excellent place to do research, to teach and to act as a leader among the faculty," he said.



Professor Patrick Conway will be the first director of the Center for Faculty Excellence.

"But the institution that we have on campus did not evolve to reflect that new landscape, and the creation of this center is to fine-tune the support faculty get on campus to fit the new realities of teaching and leadership."

The Center for Teaching and Learning, which previously took on the role of aiding faculty at UNC, will still play a part in the new center, Conway said.

Jane Thraillkill, chairwoman of the Department of English and Comparative Literature, said UNC's faculty need resources aimed toward research.

"Teaching and Learning has been great, but I think that the grant writing and the other sorts of programs it would be directed toward would really be appropriate," she said.

University officials held a forum earlier in the semester to allow students and faculty to hear the views of prospective candidates for director and voice their opinions. The other candidate was Joseph Lowman, a psychology professor.

Steve Matson, chairman of the biology department, said that the center holds promise but that he wants to know how specifically it will aid faculty.

"I think that it has the potential to become a wonderful resource for faculty but that the faculty don't know about it," he said. "I think the new director needs to inform the faculty and then we'll see how it's received."

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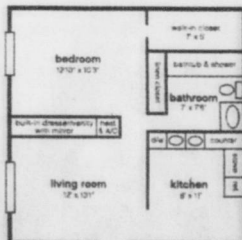
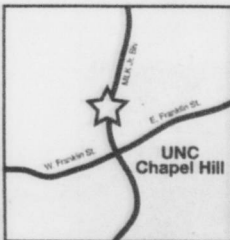
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