

November 2023 Newsletter Faculty Affairs Department

"November: The last month of autumn, but the beginning of a new adventure; time to take a risk and do the unexpected. "

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Faculty Monthly Highlights

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President's Briefing- [Zoom](#), 8:45 - 9:45 AM

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Thanksgiving Holiday (University Closed)

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REMINDERS!

- **November 1, 2023** - Third Year Reviews Applicant Packet Due
- **November 20, 2023 - Spring 2024:** Full Term and Session A Textbook Orders Due
- **November 20, 2023** - Research Assistant Applications Open for Spring

Thank You for Supporting the

New Scheduling Process



We want to take a moment to acknowledge and appreciate your participation in our new scheduling process and over enrollment form. With your contribution we have been able to create a schedule process that is faster, forward focused, and student-driven. Your timely responses give the students the most time possible to enroll and be prepared for their education to come. Thank you for your continued support! [Learn more.](#)

New 2U LMS

2U is moving to Canvas effective Spring 2024. If you are teaching in Online Programs this Spring, you'll need to work through some online training from 2U to prepare. You should receive an email about this transition directly from 2U in the coming weeks. Let michael.williams@pepperdine.edu know if you have any questions.

AY 23-24 Administrative Committee Election Results

Review all Graziadio AY 23-24 [faculty service assignments](#).

Faculty Council

Darren Good/ Cristel Russell
Steve Ferraro
Kevin Groves
Bob McQuaid
Michael Williams
Jaclyn Margolis (DC Representative)

Personnel Committee

Ann Feyerherm/ Brian Jacobs
Jennifer Franczak
John Mooney
Dave Smith

University Academic Council

Robert Lee
Clemens Kownatzki (AD Representative)

University Grievance Committee

Jim DiLellio
Max Ellzey
Bob McQuaid

University Tenure Committee

Agus Harjoto
Ann Feyerherm (PC Representative)

National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity (NCFDD) Membership

Pepperdine University has joined the National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity (NCFDD) as an Institutional Member. The NCFDD is a nationally-recognized, independent organization that provides online career development and mentoring resources for faculty, post-docs, and graduate students. Learn how to [activate your free account](#) today!

Accreditation/Assessment Updates

The Accreditation and Assessment team is excited to announce that the department is implementing a new assessment management system! We are currently working on transitioning from our old system, LiveText, which we have contracted until Summer 2024, to a new system, Outcomes Assessment Projects (OAP). Both systems are Watermark products. We are switching from LiveText to OAP because LiveText is being discontinued and OAP has more sophisticated reporting capabilities.

OAP will be fully implemented by the end of Spring 2024 term, with some potential testing happening throughout fall and spring. We ask for your patience as you may be selected to assess in your course with our new system. Like before, assessment just requires scoring a rubric and attaching the student's work if it is available.

Assessment results are not shared with students, and students do not have any access to OAP. If you are asked for an assessment, we will work to ensure that you have all of the proper training materials so that you can successfully complete the assessment in OAP.

We appreciate your support as we work to implement these changes. Please let Pardees Fassihi (pardees.fassihi@pepperdine.edu) know if you have any questions. Thank you!

eLearning Transition

The PGBS eLearning team is currently in transition and will be understaffed during this transition. Faculty may continue to consult the following resources for course management and design:

- [Courses/Sakai I Faculty Guides](#)
- [Courses/Sakai Checklist for a New Academic Term](#)
- [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) in the Classroom I CTLE](#)
- [eLearning's Online Course Design Best Practices Checklist](#)

Beginning in November, faculty are encouraged to reach out to pgbstech@pepperdine.edu for emergencies. New updates will be posted as they become available. Thank you for your patience during this transition period.

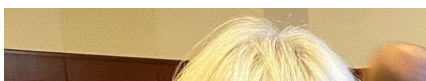
Spring 2024 Course Sites

Course site creation for the Spring 2024 term is scheduled on, or shortly after, **November 15, 2023**.

Are you looking to import your course content into your Spring 2024 course shell? Be sure to follow the [course import instructions](#) to migrate your content.

Faculty Highlight

**Congratulations, Dr. Virginia Green,
Winner of the Howard A. White Award
for Teaching Excellence!**



On September 29, 2023, at the



University Faculty Conference, the University awarded eight faculty members the Howard A. White Award for Teaching Excellence. This annual award honors the legacy of Pepperdine's fifth president, Dr. Howard A. White, who was a gifted teacher and scholar of history and a faithful steward of the University throughout his thirty years of service to Pepperdine. This award highlights the work of teachers who inspire and challenge students to think critically and creatively as well as who instill in their students a lifetime love of learning.

Please congratulate Virginia on this great achievement.

Cheers for Peers

We invite you to submit a "[Cheers for Peers](#)" to acknowledge a colleague that has gone above and beyond the call of duty. In the spirit of "giving each other flowers" continuously, we hope that you consider expressing your gratitude with "cheers"!

We look forward to highlighting these submissions!

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