



October 2017 Newsletter to Department Heads and Chairs

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Dear Chairs and Heads:

I hope you are enjoying your semesters while so much is happening around us. Unit-level leaders are important decision-makers in universities; please know your work is valued.

We are fortunate to be at a university that promotes faculty members' success. As chairs/heads, you are in a position to make sure your faculty know about these development resources:

National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity. We continue to get rave reviews about this resource. All graduate students, post-docs, and faculty can sign up for free here: <https://faculty.umn.edu/national-center-faculty-development-diversity>

New Faculty Program. This year's New Faculty Program (NFP) offers opportunities for tenure track and contract faculty to jumpstart their careers at the University. The program helps faculty build their capacities in research, teaching, community engagement, career advancement, and leadership. More information can be found at: <https://faculty.umn.edu/new-faculty-program>

Center for Educational Innovation. CEI offers a wide variety of services such as individual consultations around teaching, class visits and observations, support in peer review of teaching, information about pedagogical innovations, faculty development groups, expertise on inclusive teaching, and strategies for facilitating difficult classroom conversations. For more information, please consult: <https://cei.umn.edu/>

Finally, some resources for you:

You are invited to discuss **University budgeting and finance** with Vice President Brian Burnett on **January 10, 2017, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** [Please register for this "Finance Academy"](#) by December 10th.

There is a workshop on **Leveraging Diversity: The Department Chairs' Transformative Role** on Friday, **November 17, 2017, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** It is sponsored by the Higher Education Recruitment Consortium and will be held at St. Catherine University. Please see more information [here](#).

Thank you for your leadership. Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you have or if you have ideas about how we can assist you or your faculty.

Sincerely,

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