



Academic Affairs Committee
September 22, 2026

Discussion Item

AAC – 1 Academic Affairs Update (Boyette)

Background Information

Provost Boyette will provide updates on university AI initiatives, academic program reviews, the development of new academic programs, and the UNCG Syllabus Library.

AAC 1.1- Academic Affairs Update PowerPoint

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'J. Alan Boyette'.

J. Alan Boyette
Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATE

Alan Boyette, PhD

Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor





AI Update



Program Review



New Academic Programs



Syllabi Repository



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AI Updates

Broad Access

***Spartan AI available
campus wide***

Educational Purpose

***Building AI literacy &
judgment, not
product specific
training***

***Evidence before
scale***

***Innovation & pilots
now, scale/expansion
later***

***Responsible
leadership***

***Human accountability
and academic values
are central***

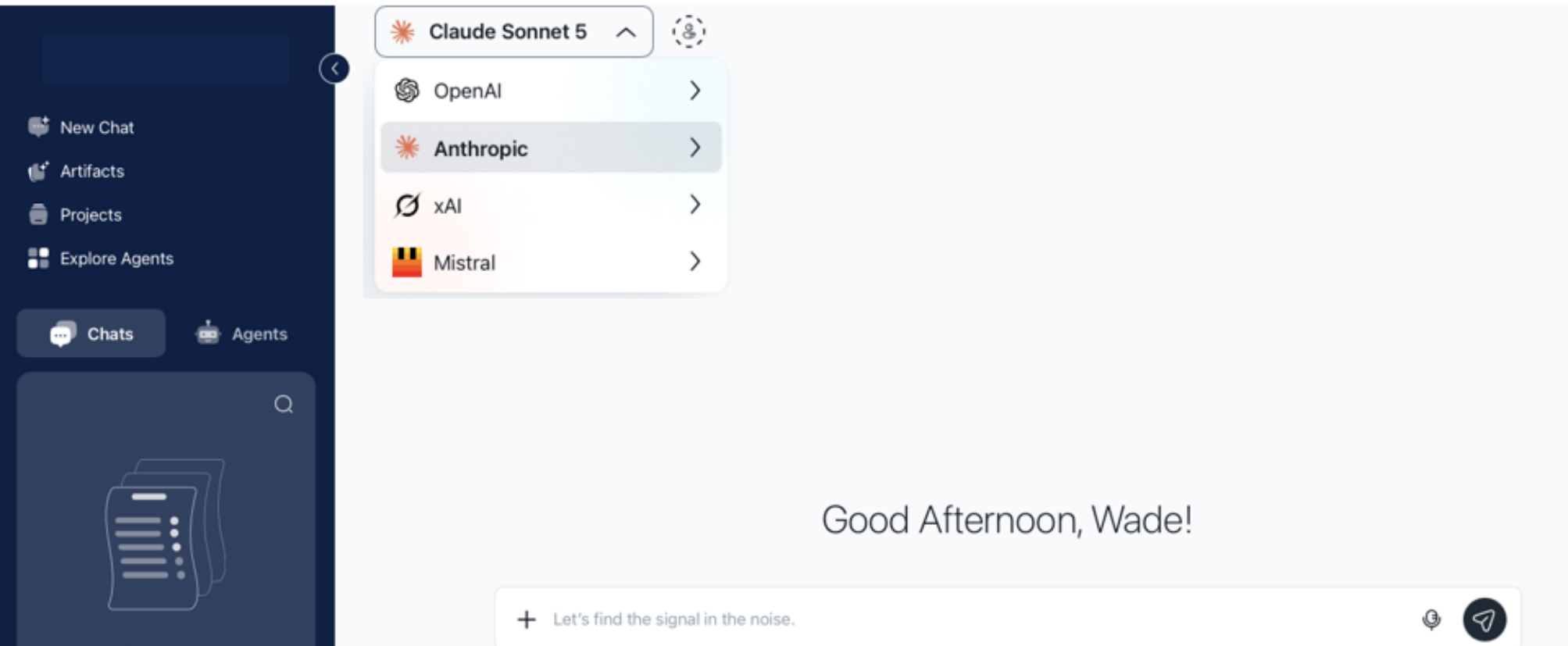


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NEW

Coming September 14th

One secure workspace with leading AI models



AI-Ready Graduate Workgroup

Faculty-led design of UNCG's approach to AI-ready graduates



VOTING MEMBERS

13

Bhuwan Thapa	CAS	Martin Andersen*	BRY
Minjeong Kim	CAS	Nikhil Mehta*	BRY
Mark Elliot*	CAS	Ken White	CVPA
Christiane Damasceno	CAS	Bob Henson	SOE
Stefanie Milroy	HHS	Yirong Mo	JSNN
Dianne Mann	HHS	Lindsay Draper	SON
Marketa Rickley	BRY		

*3 Appointed by Faculty Senate Chair
Other voting members from Deans

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Carla Wilson

Academic Technology Specialist — SOE

Megan Walters

Director, Career & Professional Development

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Director of University Studies

Jodi Pettazzoni

Vice Provost and Director, Office of Assessment, Accreditation, and Academic Program Planning

Steve Cramer

Business Librarian & Professor

Wade Maki

Senior Advisor for Strategic Initiatives —
Chancellor's Office



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AI-READY GRADUATE

THE CHARGE

Develop and recommend a university-wide framework defining what it means to be an AI-ready UNCG graduate.

ADVISORY ROLE

Recommendations will advance through appropriate academic and shared-governance processes.



01 Foundational AI literacy

02 Discipline-specific application

03 Responsible & ethical use

04 Critical evaluation of AI outputs

05 Opportunities for students to demonstrate their capabilities through applied work.



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COURSE AI PROJECTS • 2026–27

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Five faculty pilots will reach 370 students this year

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FACULTY PILOTS

370

STUDENTS REACHED

2026–27

ACADEMIC YEAR

FACULTY	COURSE + AI PROJECT	REACH	
Kathleen Kenney-Riley	NUR 395 — AI-enhanced assignments across three sections	150	students • Spring 2027 + Submission
Kevin Wells	MST 378/478 — Custom GPT and Codex for virtual production	20	students • 15 fall + 5 spring
Marketa Rickley	BUS 325 — Agents for onboarding and furniture-market FAQs	40	students • Fall
Chrissy Kress	NUR 890b–c — Scholarly Practice Coach with voice mode	40	students cohort • Fall + spring
Dianne Mann	HHS 105 — AI learning with an explicit gen-ed pathway	120	students • 60 fall + 60 spring



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USER USAGE DATA

Responsible AI Use

<  OpenAI

GPT-5.6 Terra

Balanced 5.6 all-rounder; strong, reliable everyday coding and technical work



GPT-5.6 Sol

Top of the 5.6 family; deepest reasoning for hard problems, complex coding, and research

GPT-5.6 Luna

Lightweight and fast; best for quick tasks and snappy back-and-forth



GPT-5.5

Most capable agentic model; plans, acts, and verifies on its own

GPT-5.4

Most capable all-rounder; best for professional work and long tasks



GPT-5.3 Codex

Best-in-class agentic coding; builds, debugs, and deploys end-to-end



Token Usage

Monthly Usage Limit

Monthly Usage Limit

Your usage limit will automatically reset each month.

Last reset: Jul 31, 2026, 7 days until next reset.

Usage by Model

● gpt-5.6-sol	\$2.33
● gpt-image-1.5	\$1.14
● gpt-5.6-terra	\$0.36
● gpt-5.4	\$0.24
● claude-sonnet-5	\$0.11
● gpt-5.6-luna	\$0.09
● grok-4.3	\$0.02



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Program Review 2025-26

More than 50 degrees and certificates

AACSB

*Bryan School of
Business & Economics*

CACREP

*Counseling &
Educational
Development
Department*

NASM

School of Music

Board Review in November 2026



Upcoming Reviews

2027

- *Biology*
- *Communications Studies*
- *Peace & Conflict Studies*
- *Educational Studies, PhD*
- *Dance*
- *Gerontology*
- *Nutrition*

2028

- *History*
- *Psychology*
- *Non-accredited Nutrition programs*



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New Academic Programs



Health, Medicine & Society
Launched Fall 2026



Master of Occupational Therapy
Inaugural class fall 2028

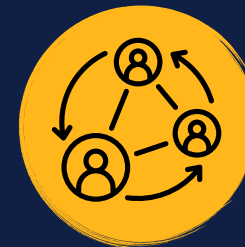
Expected Fall 2027



**Emerging
Media
MFA**



**Game Studies
BA**



**Criminology
BA**



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New Academic Programs

Internally approved concentrations- Fall 2026

Degree	New Concentration
Master of Business Administration	Generative AI for Business
BS- Business Administration	AI Application for Business
BA- Dance Studies	Wellness, Somatics, and Movement Analysis
MA- Teaching	Dance Education
MS- Educational Research & Measurement	Practitioner of Research in Measurement and Evaluation



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UNCG Syllabus Library

A public, searchable platform that meets the UNC System requirements for online syllabus access

100%

*of approximately 3,400
eligible fall 2026 sections
are represented*

***Launched
August 11th***

<https://syllabus.uncg.edu/>



SYLLABUS LIBRARY

SEARCH OUR LIBRARY

Filter By:

Year:

2026



Term:

Fall 2026


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Title	Prefix	Section Number	Term
2D Animation	ART - Art	01	Fall 2026
2D Animation	ART - Art	02	Fall 2026
Academic Research and Writing	ENG - English	01	Fall 2026
Academic Research and Writing	ENG - English	02	Fall 2026
Academic Research and Writing	ENG - English	03	Fall 2026
Academic Research and Writing	ENG - English	04	Fall 2026
Academic Research and Writing	ENG - English	05	Fall 2026
Academic Research and Writing	ENG - English	06	Fall 2026
Academic Success Planning	CTP - Comp Trans/Post Second Ed	01	Fall 2026
Accents for Stage and Screen	THR - Theatre (THR)	01	Fall 2026
Accounting Data Analytics	ACC - Accounting	01	Fall 2026
Accounting Data Analytics	ACC - Accounting	02	Fall 2026
Accounting Transaction Processing Systems	ACC - Accounting	01	Fall 2026
Accounting Transaction Processing Systems	ACC - Accounting	03	Fall 2026
Accounting Transaction Processing Systems	ACC - Accounting	R02	Fall 2026
Accounting Transaction Processing Systems	ACC - Accounting	01	Fall 2026
Accounting Transaction Processing Systems	ACC - Accounting	02	Fall 2026
Accounting Transaction Processing Systems	ACC - Accounting	03	Fall 2026
Acting Fundamentals for Stage and Screen	THR - Theatre (THR)	01	Fall 2026
Acting Fundamentals for Stage and Screen	THR - Theatre (THR)	02	Fall 2026



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