

NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION

Aug. 17-18 | National Weather Center, Rm. 1313

MONDAY, AUG. 17th, 2026

8:00 am	Check-in & Breakfast	
8:30 am	Welcome to Campus!	Wayne Riggs, Director, Center for Faculty Excellence Sarah Ellis, Vice Provost for Faculty Rebecca Anderson, Faculty Senate Chair
9:00 am	Center for Faculty Excellence	Angela Adams, Jenny Holcomb, Karen Horne, Kathleen Kelly, Hong Lin, M. Geneva Murray, Joy Pendley, Robert Scafe, Adrienne Carter-Sowell
9:15 am	Student Support Services	Ashton Foley-Schramm, Associate Director, OU Writing Center Talisha M. Haltiwanger Morrison, Director, OU Writing Center Javeed Kittur, FYRE and Christina Bourne, UReCA & FYRE Scott Miller, Director, Counseling Services Lillian Miller, Associate Provost, Academic Success Center Erin Simpson, Assistant Vice President and Assistant Dean of Students
10:15 am	Break	
10:30 am	Vice President for Research & Partnerships	Lara Ferry, Vice President and Chief Research Innovation Officer Matt Hulver, Vice President for Research and Partnerships Ann West, Associate Vice President of Research Development
11:00 am	Access & Opportunity	Belinda Hyppolite, Vice Pres. Access & Opportunity Jose Dela Cruz, Associate Vice Pres. Access & Opportunity
11:45 am	Working Lunch	Visit stations to learn more about HR Benefits, Faculty Photo Headshot, and LiveWell
1:00 pm	President's and Provost's Welcome	Joseph Harroz, OU President André-Denis Wright, Sr. Vice President and Provost
2:00 pm	Graduate College	Randy Hewes, Dean, Graduate College Kristy Brugar, Associate Dean, Graduate College Elinor Martin, Associate Dean, Graduate College
2:45 pm	Break	
3:00 pm	Promotion, Tenure & Evaluation	Sarah Ellis, Vice Provost for Faculty
4:00 pm	Information Technology	Kevin Buck, Associate Director of Learning Spaces

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TUESDAY, AUG. 18th

8:00 am	Breakfast	
8:30 am	Freedom of Speech and Public Universities	Noah Chauvin, Associate Professor of Law
9:15 am	Research and Creative Activities Support	Jenny Holcomb, Associate Director of R&CA, CFE Sandy Tarabochia, Sr. Faculty Fellow, CFE Michael Purcell, Assoc. Vice President for Research and Partnerships Jennifer O'Hern, Manager of Faculty Relations and Operational Excellence, Office of Research Services Tamara Franklin, Assist. Vice President, Grants & Contracts Accounting Kimberly Marshall, Faculty Director, Arts & Humanities Forum
10:15 am	Break	
10:30 am	University Libraries	Claire Curry, Science Librarian Jay Edwards, Instruction Librarian Amanda Schilling, National Weather Center Library Branch Manager
11:00 am	AI on Campus	M. Geneva Murray, Sr. Assoc. Director of Teaching, CFE April Dickson, Director of IT Governance, Risk and Compliance
11:45 am	Networking Lunch	Campus-wide centers and offices – see separate agenda
1:15 pm	Teaching Panel	M. Geneva Murray, Sr. Assoc. Director, CFE Doyle Dodd, Assoc. Professor of Practice, Indus. & System Engr. Silke Feltz, Assist. Teaching Professor, First Year Composition Eric Lee, Assoc. Professor, Biological Sciences Bruno Teles, Instructor, Entrepreneurship Melanie Wilderman, Assoc. Professor, Journalism
2:15 pm	Chair & Directors Panel	Ralph Beliveau, Creative Media Production and Prof. Writing Area Head Rusty Jones, Chair, Philosophy Jeff Kelly, Director, Biological Sciences Qiong Wang, Director, Marketing & Supply Chain Management
3:15 pm	Open discussion, Questions, and Networking	Wayne Riggs, Director, CFE

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19th

8:30 am	Campus Walking Tour	Meet on north side of Evans Hall 660 Parrington Oval, Norman
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