1. Message from Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, Ralph Hexter: As you may know, last year California state voters approved Proposition 64, which legalized cultivation and adult use of recreational cannabis in California. However, because such uses of cannabis remain illegal under federal law, the measure presents complicated issues for UC Davis. I will soon be charging a campus-wide task force to study these issues in depth, and to develop recommendations accordingly.

To help advise academic faculty and staff on any questions they may have about cannabis-related research, teaching, or outreach activities, please direct questions to Associate Vice Chancellor Cindy Kiel, who will serve as the campus point of contact on this issue until the task force can complete its work.

2. Notice of the Discontinuation of NIGMS’s Participation in PA-16-309 Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Predoctoral Fellowship (Parent F31) - The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) is discontinuing participation in PA-16-309 “Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Predoctoral Fellowship (Parent F31)” effective immediately. NIGMS will not accept either New or Resubmission applications for PA-16-309 and its subsequent reissuances for the April 8, 2018 application due date and beyond. NIGMS has a strong commitment to supporting predoctoral students through institutional training grants, and supports approximately 3,000 graduate students each year in basic biomedical sciences disciplines and through the Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP).

Read more here

3. Faculty bag lunch session on “Campus Violence: What Faculty Should Know” - Join fellow faculty members in learning more about appropriate responses in the event of a crisis-level campus incident. This session will provide information for identifying potential problem behaviors, responding to disruptive and threatening behavior, and immediate strategies to promote safety. The session will take place on March 1, 2018 from 12:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. in the Student Community Center, Room D. Presenters include: Investigation Sergeant, Paul Henoch, Director of Academic and Staff Assistance...
Program, Rob Starkey and Don Dudley, who is the Director of Office and Student Support and Judicial Affairs.

Register for this session by clicking here. Questions may be directed to Lisa Brodkey, Director of Faculty Relations and Development at labrodkey@ucdavis.edu.

4. Call for Proposals for the 2018 Improving OUTcomes LGBTQ+ Health Conference is now open! The Vice Chancellor’s LGBTQ+ Council is now accepting proposals for the Improving OUTcomes LGBTQ+ Health Conference. The conference is scheduled to take place October 19-20 at the Embassy Suites Riverfront in Sacramento.

Conference organizers are soliciting presentations with a focus on:
- PEP/PrEP/HIV
- Trans care; navigating access to care
- New research in LGBTQ+ health
- Institutional shifts in LGBTQ+ climate and culture
- Minority and people of color in LGBTQ+ health care
- Patient-provider communication on sensitivity and cultural competency training and adoption
- Use of SO/GI data to improve prevention and intervention for LGBTQ+ patients and their families
- And more!

For more information on requirements and submissions click here.

5. Mentoring Academy Upcoming Mentee and Mentor Workshops

MENTEE Workshop: How to Get the Most from the Mentoring Experience - Designed for assistant and early associate professors. This workshop includes exercises to help the mentee get the most out of their mentoring relationships. Monday, March 12, 2018, 12-2pm, Education Building, Room 3209.

MENTOR Workshops:
Module 3: Understanding Faculty Series and Titles: Promotions Portfolios - Gain Understanding of the academic merit and promotion process. Saturday, March 17, 2018, 1-3pm, Education Building, Room 3229.


For full listing of workshops and to register for workshops please click here.

6. Dean’s Year of Learning Presentation –
Have you ever wondered? How and why does the brain age? What impact does brain aging have on our society? What can you do to improve brain health? Join Dr. Charles DeCarli, UC Davis Professor of Neurology, Director of the Alzheimer’s Disease Center, and Director of the Imaging of Dementia and Aging (IDeA) Laboratory on **Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 12-1pm, Education Building, Lecture Hall 1204** as he gives a talk on: **Learning About Brain Health**.

To register click [here](#)