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Subject: UNC's FEC calls Dec. 23 special meeting as Omicron dominates COVID cases in the U.S.

UNC-Chapel Hill's 14-member [Faculty Executive Committee \(FEC\)](#) has called a [special meeting \(1:00 p.m., Dec. 23, Thursday\)](#) to discuss spring 2022 "semester plans in light of pandemic developments." Provost Bob Blouin, Dr. Amir Barzin and other UNC-Chapel Hill leaders are expected to attend this special FEC meeting.

Under the [North Carolina Open Meeting Law](#), anyone may [attend this public meeting](#).

This meeting will be held virtually in a Zoom session in passcode-protected mode.

Please contact facgov@unc.edu by 11 a.m., Dec. 23 to get the passcode and meeting link.

By last count, more than 1,123 campuses are requiring vaccines of students or employees.

See this growing list at [Here's a List of Colleges That Require Students or Employees to Be Vaccinated Against Covid-19](#) from *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

In accordance with [President Biden's Executive Order 14042](#) and guidance from the [Safer Workforce Task Force](#), the deadline for employees of federal contractors to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 has been extended to Jan. 18, 2022.

For questions about the UNC-Chapel Hill's response to COVID-19, please visit <https://carolinatogether.unc.edu/>.

Thanks.

I hope you are staying safe in the Covid-19 pandemic.

Let us stay healthy and strong as the [novel coronavirus spreads across our communities](#).

I wish you Happy New Year with peace and joy in 2022.

Enjoy the holidays ahead with your friends and family!

The fine print: About this Lux Libertas ("light and liberty") update

With generous help and advice of our colleagues, I curated this Lux Libertas ("light and liberty") update of news items to foster community.

In our commitment to nurture a civil conversation and collegial connection, I am sharing this news update with you because you lead key initiatives.

Please share this update with colleagues and your other networks.

Several folks often request me to add them to our mailing list.

If you email me (da@unc.edu), I will add you, too.

Truth be told, people enjoy reading these updates. Others may not.

If you do not wish to receive future updates, email me (da@unc.edu).

I sincerely respect your choice.

Like you, I love the law and cherish our shared spirit of free speech.

This Lux Libertas update does not reflect the official policy or position of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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Thanks.

Cordially,

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