

FALL 2026

FACULTY ORIENTATION AND ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Schedule

Monday, August 3 – Friday, August 7

Faculty LIFE

NEW FACULTY WELCOME ACTIVITIES

(Agendas sent to new faculty)

Wednesday, August 12

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

RPL 300 AB

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Coffee, Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Santos Welcome

Dr. Julie Mikles-Schluterman – AR Network Grant and Information Tables

Dr. Michael Bradley and Melanie Ewing - Graduate College Updates

Alexis Scrimshire, Registrar – Identifying and reporting unverified students

Dr. Shellie Hanna – Student Athletes, New Athletic Absence/RSO Requests

Dr. Dan Clark – AI Update and speaker introduction

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Break/Information tables available in Lobby

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Keynote Presentation: Embracing AI as Essential Learning:

Preparing Students for Life Beyond College

Presented By: Dr. C. Edward Watson

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch on your own

Afternoon Sessions

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Workshop: Exploring AI for Teaching and Learning:

RPL 300AB

A Hands-On Workshop with Dr. C. Edward Watson

Faculty are asked to bring their own device.

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Blackboard Ultra, Paul Gordon

RPL 300AB

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Classroom Control Systems, Alex Manly

RPL 300AB

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Headshots for faculty available

Lobby Area 300AB

Thursday, August 13

9:00 a.m.	COLLEGE MEETINGS	Locations announced by College
10:30 a.m.	DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS	Locations announced by College
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE LUNCH AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING	West Dining Room
1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	RETENTION SESSION Invitations sent by Presidents Office	RPL 300 AB
6:30 pm	ADJUNCT TRAINING Overview of Blackboard and OneTech	Webex

<https://atu.webex.com/atu/j.php?MTID=m3298c7658de57d385e88cd62e7085caf>

Friday, August 14

	FACULTY AND STAFF UPDATE FERGUSON STUDENT UNION, BIBLER CONFERENCE ROOM	
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Strategic Plan Open Forum	
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Snacks/Break	
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	President's University Address	
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	All campus lunch provided by President's Office in Cafeteria	
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Promotion and Tenure Reception and Emeritus Recognition All are welcome to attend	West Dining

Campus Move-In Days **Sunday, August 16 – Tuesday, August 18**

Monday, August 17

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**ORIENTATION FOR FACULTY TEACHING
TECH 1001 – Dr. Dana Tribble**

Dean 204

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
LUNCH AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

West Dining Room

7:30 p.m.

ATU Involvement Fair Ferguson Student Union and Mullens Plaza

Tuesday, August 18

9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

ORGANIZATIONAL FACULTY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Each committee listed below is asked to briefly convene (15 minutes) in order to elect a chair and secretary for the academic year. Each meeting will be held via WebEx.

9:00 a.m.

IRB Committee

9:15 a.m.

Admissions, Academic Standards, and Student Honors Committee

9:30 a.m.

Academic Appeals Committee

9:45 a.m.

Faculty Salary and Benefits Committee

10:00 a.m.

Faculty Welfare Committee

10:15 a.m.

Library, Instructional Materials, and Equipment Committee

10:30 a.m.

Professional Development Committee

10:45 a.m.

Student Affairs Committee

11:00 a.m.

Student Learning Assessment Committee

11:15 a.m.

Center for Faculty LIFE Advisory Board

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11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**FACULTY SENATE LUNCH
AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

West Dining Room

Wednesday, August 19

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES