

CAIFS Calendar

2025-2026



Date	Time	Title	Facilitator	Format
Friday 9/5/2025	1:15-3:00	Fall Faculty Day: Connections Are Everything: How Relationships Drive Student Success with Peter Felten	Celena Kusch, Kim Purdy, Peter Felten	URC Great Room
Wednesday 9/10/2025	12:45-1:45	ACUE Effective Teaching Practices Launch	Lillian Reeves	CAIFS PD 2025 Zoom
Friday 9/12/2025	9:00-1:30	Entering Mentoring: CIMER-Based Workshop for Mentors of New Faculty (JCBE)	Celena Kusch, Joshua Ruppel	George 250
Friday 9/12/2025	10:00-11:30	Accessible Documents Workshop for WCAG Committee	Jennifer Bland	Admin 327
Wednesday 9/17/2025	12:30-2:00	Accessible Documents & Accessibility in Blackboard for NSE Faculty	Jennifer Bland	Smith 205
Friday 10/3/2025	11:00-12:30	Closed: Accessible Documents Workshop for AA	Jennifer Bland	Admin 224
Monday 10/13/2025	1:00-3:00	Accessible Documents & Accessibility in Blackboard for Nursing Faculty	Jennifer Bland	HEC Computer lab
Tuesday 10/14/2025	9:00-10:30	Accessible Documents Workshop for Advancement	Jennifer Bland	Admin 327
Tuesday 10/14/2025	2:00-3:30	Accessible PDFs Workshop	Celena Kusch	Admin 327
Friday 10/17/2025	12:00-2:00	New Faculty & Mentors Workshop: Understanding Faculty Roles	Celena Kusch, Lillian Reeves	CLC 309
Monday 10/20/2025	10:00-2:00	Blackboard Impact Tour & Blackboard AI Enhancements. Attend either 10-12:30 or 11:30-2. Lunch provided.	Celena Kusch, Lillian Reeves, Jennifer Bland, Yamil Ruiz + Anthology Team	University Readiness Center Ballroom
Thursday 11/13/2025	10-1:30	Engage Upstate Showcase & Volunteer/Internship/Non-Profit Career Fair	Dave Marlow, Sam Reinhardt, Erika Montgomery	CLC Ballroom/CLC 309
Tuesday 11/18/2025	3:00-4:30	Accessible Documents Workshop	Jennifer Bland	Admin 327
Wednesday 11/19/2025	12:45-1:45	Introducing the OLC Course Review GPT	Yamil Ruiz	CAIFS PD 2025 Zoom
Wednesday 12/10/2025	10:00-11:30	Accessible PDFs Workshop	Celena Kusch	Admin 327

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Wednesday 1/7/2026	9-4:00	Blackboard Day: Effective Teaching Practices Blackboard Updates, Course and Program Templates, GenAI for Course Design, GenAI for Career Readiness Assessments, Grading in Bb Ultra, Ally/Accessibility, Using Activity Reports for Student Success	Celena Kusch, Jennifer Bland, Yamil Ruiz, Lillian Reeves	CLC Ballroom
Friday 1/30/2026	1:30-2:30	Spartan Excellence	Lillian Reeves	CLC 309
Friday 2/13/2025	1:00-2:00	GenAI for Teaching and Learning	Celena Kusch	CAIFS PD 2025 Zoom, CLC 309
Friday 2/27/2026	12:00-3:00	Neurodiversity Champions Showcase	Renu Pariyadath	CLC 309
Friday 3/27/2026	11:30-1:00	New Faculty and Mentor Lunch	Lillian Reeves	Administration Building Lobby
Friday 3/27/2026	1:30-2:30	Quality Matters (QM) Certification Launch	Yamil Ruiz	Media 238
Thursday or Friday 4/2 or 4/3/2026	8:00-10:00	SL/CE Celebration and Awards Reception	Dave Marlow, Sam Reinhardt	CLC Ballroom
Wednesday 5/6/2026	9:00-2:00	Engaged Pedagogy and Hybrid Course Design Institute Launch	Celena Kusch, Jennifer Bland	Media 238

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