Resources for Faculty and Staff Responding to Difficult Events

Facilitating difficult classroom and campus discussions is an important responsibility for a research university. As we engage in discussions in the coming days and weeks, these best practice guidelines from UNLV’s Directory of Teaching Resources may be useful. As more resources become available, we will add them to the Office of Faculty Affairs website.

- Teaching in Times of Crisis, Nancy Chick, Vanderbilt University, 2001
- Managing Hot Moments in the Classroom, and Tips for Dealing with Hot Moments. Lee Warren. Online Documents, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University.
- Diversity and Inclusive Teaching, Vanderbilt University
- Ground Rules for In-class Discussion, Arizona State University Intergroup Relations Center
- Top 10 Tips for Addressing Sensitive Topics and Maintaining Civility in the Classroom, Center for Faculty and Teaching Development San Francisco State University. Faculty Focus, (June 4, 2009)
- Faculty Field Guide for Promoting Student Civility in the Classroom, Boise State University
- Handling Conflict in the Classroom, Texas Tech University
- Addressing Students’ Needs: Dealing with Disruptive Behavior in the Classroom, Vanderbilt University
- Cooperative Controversies in the Classroom, David J. Bredehoft. College Teaching 39, 3
- Guidelines for Discussing Difficult or Controversial Topics, and Responding to Difficult Moments, University of Michigan Center for Research on Learning and Teaching

We hope these additional resources may support our efforts to help guide students’ engagement with different perspectives in a productive and respectful way that enhances the unique educational opportunities at UNLV:

- New York Times curated teaching resource pages, updated daily: Instructors may view and post their ideas at Election Day 2016: Teaching Ideas for Before and After the Votes Are Tallied. Students may view and post their ideas at What is Your Reaction to the Results of the 2016 Election?
- Can a Divided America Heal? TED talk by Jonathan Haidt, November 2016

Teachers, students, and staff who would like to seek an individual teaching consultation may reach out to the members of Instructional Development & Research.

For faculty and staff, counseling resources are available at:

- Center for Individual, Couple and Family Counseling
- Employee Assistance Program

If you witness bullying on campus, please contact the UNLV Office of Compliance. If you ever feel unsafe on campus – whether walking alone or witnessing an offense that constitutes a threat to safety – please contact UNLV Police Services at 911 or 702-895-3669. You may also refer to https://www.unlv.edu/police/tips.

You may notice students needing additional help communicating or coping with difficult events in their personal lives or in their community. You may consult, or direct students to, the following resources for support:

- Student Counseling and Psychological Services at UNLV
- Protocol for Incidents Involving Students of Concern at UNLV
- Student Conduct at UNLV