

## USG Academic Program Authorization and Review Update

The University System of Georgia is currently updating the academic program authorization and review process for new submissions. Some of the critical components expected to be provided include (1) Labor and Market Data (local, regional, **state**, national, international), (2) Curriculum (occupational competencies, career competencies, experiential/high impact practices), 3) Fiscal (marketing and startup costs & plans, faculty redirect plan), 4) Risk Analysis (low enrollment, fiscal, faculty). These components will likely inform the 7-year review plan of existing programs. Regarding the process:

### USG Program Authorization Steps



## *Congratulations!*

**Chavonda Mills, PhD, Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy.** *Connecting College to Careers (GC C3), National Science Foundation, \$650,000 (5-year project).*

The above STEM grant spans three programs: Chemistry, Physics, and Education.

**Mark Pelton, PhD, Extended University, Reaching Rural Communities- Implementation Phase 2, CIS National Office, \$85,000 and CIS Adult Literacy, Baldwin County Commissioner, \$15,000.**

## OneUSG Careers

Georgia College transitioned to the new OneUSG Careers platform. This change is a part of the ongoing systemwide initiative to provide greater efficiency through a more integrated and seamless platform. OneUSG Careers is a platform that electronically onboards new employees, handles recruitment, and employee transactions (such as manager changes, employee separations, etc.). Some of the benefits for using OneUSG Careers:

- Improves applicant and hiring manager experience.
- Reduces manual, paper and dual entry of data.
- Integrates with OneUSG Connect and third-party vendors such as Equifax and Accurate.
- Standardizes and simplifies business processes, procedures and forms.
- Reduces compliance risks.
- Compatible with most smart devices.

OneUSG Careers – Please contact [GCSUCareers@gcsu.edu](mailto:GCSUCareers@gcsu.edu) if you have any questions.

### Virtual Springfest 2021

This year's Springfest event will be held virtually on Saturday, March 20, 2021. This event for accepted freshmen begins at 10 a.m. and concludes at noon. Springfest will include a welcome from President Dorman, a student speaker, an admissions information session, an academic college/department session, and student life information. Representatives will also be on hand to answer questions about financial aid, Pounce, and housing. Springfest is a great opportunity for admitted students to interact with current GC students, faculty, and staff members. The intent of this event is to encourage students to pay their deposit, Pounce, and complete the housing process. In addition, we hope to solidify the decision of those students who have already committed to GC.

### Georgia College IT Council Formed

Membership from Academic Affairs includes:

- Dr. Brian Newsome-Dean, Honors College
- Dr. Joe Peters-Dean, College of Education
- Dr. Sheri Noviello- Dean, College of Health Sciences
- Dr. James Callaghan, AVP International Education
- Dr. Scott Buchanan-Chair, Government & Sociology
- Dr. Jim Berger-Director, Center for Teaching and Learning
- Dr. Simeco Vinson- Instructional Designer Specialist, Center for Teaching and Learning
- Dr. Cara Smith- Director of Institutional Effectiveness
- Dr. Gita Phelps-Associate Professor, Information Systems and Computer Science
- Kell Carpenter- Associate Director for Access Services

### Graduate & Professional Student Appreciation Week

From April 5-8, 2021, Georgia College will once again show appreciation to its graduate and professional students. The Graduate Research Poster Exhibit & Competition is an opportunity for graduate students to showcase their research endeavors to the campus community. The virtual poster exhibit will be displayed through the Ina Dillard Russell Library, Knowledge Box. The Knowledge Box is a digital repository that captures, maintains, preserves, and provides access to Georgia College's intellectual capital and institutional records in addition to supporting its teaching and research missions. The competition will provide students whose research is deemed outstanding and innovative with an opportunity to be evaluated by faculty judges and awarded prizes. Additionally, The Graduate School will recognize the outstanding contributions graduate assistants provide in supportive roles to students, faculty, staff, and the university as a whole while pursuing graduate studies. Prizes include cash, a framed certificate, and lapel pin.

#### Saladin Scholars

The inaugural Saladin Scholars awards ceremony will be held on March 25, 2021 at 7:00pm. Jillian Kinzie, Indiana University, will deliver the keynote address. GC Journeys is co-sponsoring the event. Saladin Scholars grants provide for high-impact practices.

#### Mab Segrest: Administrations of Lunacy

As part of the Provost Lecture Series on Diversity, and in collaboration with the Office of Inclusive Excellence, former Visiting Newall Scholar Mab Segrest researched a socio-psychiatric history of Central State Hospital. She will deliver a virtual lecture on March 18, 2021 at 6:00pm from her highly acclaimed book, *The Administrations of Lunacy: Racism and the Haunting of American Psychiatry at the Milledgeville Asylum* (New Press 2020). The link for the lecture can be found [here](#).

#### Faculty Reviewers

*The Corinthian* is currently searching for faculty to serve as reviewers for its 2021 edition, set to publish in the summer. Faculty willing to complete a review before March 15 should contact Sydney Marks, Editor in Chief.