



Provost Notes

November 2023

GCSU's Women's Leadership Faculty Fellows Program (WLFFP)

The WLFFP was established in 2019 to provide faculty members with dedicated time to develop and hone leadership skills and gain a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities confronting higher education, specifically with a focus on issues women face in academic administration.

The Women's Leadership Faculty Fellows Program is administered by the Office of Academic Affairs and facilitated by Dr. Holley Roberts, Associate Provost of Academic Affairs and Director of The Graduate School, Dr. Mandy Jarriel, Associate Professor, College of Health Sciences, and the Faculty Fellows Associate, Dr. Liz Speelman, Senior Lecturer, College of Health Sciences. Fellows will attend monthly meetings where they will learn from senior administrators on campus as well as visiting speakers.

For more information, please see the [website](#). Questions about the program may be directed to Drs. Roberts or Jarriel at holley.roberts@gcsu.edu or mandy.jarriel@gcsu.edu. The Fellows for 2023-2024 are:

Dr. Kalina Manoylov, Professor of Environmental Sciences,
Dr. Stephanie Jett, Assistant Professor of Psychology
Dr. Hedwig Fraunhofer, Professor of French and German
Dr. Jamie Downing, Associate Professor of Rhetoric
Dr. Jennifer Goldsberry, Associate Professor of Nursing

Congratulations!

Grants

Hasitha Mahabaduge, PhD, Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy, *Workforce Devel. Study in Solar Tech & Business for the Greater Milledgeville Region*, Partnership for Inclusive Innovation, Georgia Institute of Technology, \$100,496.

CEO Georgia Chamber of Commerce and GCSU Alum to Visit GCSU

Chris Clark, CEO of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, will visit GCSU for a session on the importance of the role of public higher education in workforce development and Georgia's current and future labor demands. Mr. Clark graduated with a master's degree in public administration from GCSU. He has worked with Georgia's Departments of Natural Resources and Economic Development, as well as the Fayette County Development Authority and Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce. The university community is encouraged to attend. More information may be found on the [Georgia Chamber website](#).

Date: November 17, 2023. **Time:** 2:00pm

Location: A&S Auditorium

Did You Know? *Imagine 2030* Strategic Plan

- You can download the Five Pillars from the [website](#).
- The deans, library director, and executive director of the School of Continuing and Professional Studies all presented short-, medium- and long-term goals to the Extended Council of Deans.
- The VP of Finance and Administration met with his direct reports and members of the strategic plan steering committee to discuss ways to use the Pillars to advance *Imagine 2030* in their division.

Spring 2024 Textbook Adoptions

It is time to submit your textbook requests for spring 2024. <https://aip.bncollege.com/app/>

Reminders from bookstore:

1. We understand that some positions are still being filled, once adoptions are known, please submit.
2. Make sure that courses that are no text are flagged as such. Please do not say no text when the course is indeed using a text. This is of high importance as students who use financial aid can only use it in the bookstore. If a professor says no text a book will not be on the shelf for any students.
3. Remember, changing your adoptions close to or after class starts causes issues with getting the material in an efficient time. This directly affects all students including those who will be using financial aid, which is only available in the store for a certain period.
4. Make sure to go on our website gcsu.bncollege.com to see what the student sees to verify the right adoption for your course!
5. If you are going to send an excel sheet of adoptions, please verify with all professors first to make sure it is correct!

Questions may be directed to Sophia Peterson at 478-445-7305.

Core Refresh Update

The university is moving forward with the implementation of the USG Core Refresh. During the last two months, presentations of the refresh were shared with the University Senate, Department Chairs, Deans, General Education Committee, Enrollment Management. As a reminder, all Spring 2024 syllabi should reflect the new core IMPACTS and include orienting questions, career-ready competencies, and learning outcomes.

Upcoming Events

Hangin' of the Greens

- November 30, 2023 @ 5:00pm
- Front Campus

Tacky Holiday Sweater Gathering

- December 11, 2023 @ 3:00pm
- TBD

Winter Commencement

- December 16, 2023 @ 1:00pm
- Centennial Center

Save the Date!

Mark your calendar for GCSU's next campus-wide *Research Day* on Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

Submission deadline
February 1, 2024.

The submission portal has not yet opened. More information will be forthcoming.

Undergraduate Research Journal

The Winter issue of *Undergraduate Research* will be released in digital format in late November and will be available in print format shortly after. This is the fifth issue of *Undergraduate Research* (3.1), which was founded in 2021.

This issue features students from University of Memphis, Calgary University, and Monmouth University, among others. Additionally, with a 10% acceptance rate, this issue was highly selective with submissions from students from Harvard University, University of Massachusetts Amherst, DePaul University, among others. *Undergraduate Research* is one of the few undergraduate research journals focusing on interdisciplinary studies.