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Over her 25-year tenure at GCSU, Hedy has served the University in myriad departmental, college-wide, and university-wide assignments, and on the University Senate. The Professional Guidelines Concerning the Limits of Consensual Relationships (adopted by GCSU Faculty and Staff in 2001 and 2002, respectively) were first developed during her tenure as Chair of the Arts and Sciences Faculty Council/Faculty Affairs from 1999-2001. The policy was a national trendsetter at the time and is still in force today. From 2006 to 2008, Hedy served as GCSU’s inaugural Faculty Fellow, providing a faculty voice in the Office of then-Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Anne Gormly. GCSU’s professional leave program was first inaugurated due to this collaboration. Most recently, Hedy has been serving as the CoAS representative on the University’s *Imagine 2030* Strategic Planning Committee.