

## Revised BOR Policies

The Board of Regents (BOR) of the University System of Georgia (USG) met on May 14, 2024, in Atlanta, Georgia. During that meeting, several BOR policies were reviewed and revised:

### Institutional Governance

- Board Policy 2.6.3 Personnel Policies

### Academic Affairs

- Board Policy 3.2.1.2 Administrative Officers
- Board Policy 3.5.2 Symbols Not Included in Determining Grade Point Average

### Student Affairs

- Board Policy 4.2.1.1 Freshman Requirements
- Board Policy 4.5.8 Funding of Intercollegiate Athletic Programs

### Personnel

- Board Policy 8.3.7.4 Award of Tenure

Additional information about the revisions can be found in the [Board of Regents Policy Manual](#).

## Congratulations!

### Grants

**Damian Francis, PhD, College of Health Sciences**, *Creating a National Consensus on Centering Racial Health Equity in Evidence Syntheses to Address Racial Health Disparities*, Texas Christian University, \$2,036.

**John Swinton, PhD, College of Business and Technology**, *Minority Youth and Business*, Georgia Council on Economic Education, \$4,000.

### Contracts

*In addition to grant funding, The Provost Notes will now feature contracts in academic centers and institutes. The agreements tap into the expertise at GCSU and generate additional resources for the university.*

**Dave Bachoon, PhD, College of Arts & Sciences**, *2024 Source ID and Sampling Support*, Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources, \$6,120.

## DMA Enhancement Project

In February 2024, The University System of Georgia Office announced that it will begin work on a [Degrees and Majors Authorized \(DMA\)](#) enhancement project during spring. The DMA project includes improvements to the underlying DMA database, corrections to the existing data in the database, enhancements to the public interface used by campuses, and the creation of a public academic program search tool for Georgia Degrees Pay. The USG institutions were divided into clusters for a phased approach. Groups were established based on number of programs, reaccreditation dates, institutional spring breaks, and feedback from Provosts. Georgia College was placed on the June 2024 group. Academic Affairs will be working with the USG on the completion of the project.

## Summer Orientations

In June, the Office of New Student Programs will host four of six Summer Orientation events for incoming freshmen. June Orientation dates are June 4, 6, 11, and 13. Currently, there are 1,023 students registered for June Orientations. Counting guests, we are expecting to welcome over 2,500 visitors to campus in the first two weeks of June. During orientation, students and their guests will have the opportunity to hear from a variety of departments, meet with staff from their respective majors, explore campus, and learn about various organizations and clubs at Bobcat Marketplace. Students will also spend time in breakout groups with their Orientation Leaders, where they will begin to build relationships with their peers and gain a sense of belonging as a part of the Bobcat family. July Orientations will take place July 23 and 25. Transfer students will attend orientation on July 24.

## High Impact Practices (HIPs) Summer Institute

The *5th Annual High Impact Practices (HIPs) Summer Institute: Incorporating Transformative Experiences in the Classroom* will begin June 10. This Institute is a unique opportunity for instructors to enhance their teaching methods and student engagement by incorporating a transformative experience/high-impact practice into a course or developing a course around an experience: Career Planning, Community-based Engaged Learning (CbEL), First-Year Experiences (TREK), International Education, Leadership, or Mentored Undergraduate Research & Creative Endeavors (MURACE).

A number of mentors are involved in shaping the summer experience for instructors. These include *Career Planning*, Ms. Lauren Easom; *Community-based Engaged Learning*, Dr. Liz Speelman; *First Year Experience (TREK)*, Dr. Kasey Karen; *International Education*, Dr. James Callaghan; *Leadership*, Dr. Harold Mock; and *Mentored Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavors*, Dr. TM Chiang.

The following faculty will be participating in the *5th Annual High Impact Practices (HIPs) Summer Institute*:

**Dr. Clifford N. Towner**, *Music*

**Dr. Jeff Turner**, *Health and Human Performance*

**Dr. Stephanie McClure**, *Government and Sociology*

**Dr. Eryn Viscarra**, *Government & Sociology*

**Dr. Hunter Strickland**, *Professional Learning & Innovation*

**Ms. Kathryn Livingston**, *English*

**Dr. Mohsen Mosayebi**, *Management*

**Dr. Mehrnaz Khalaj Hedayati**, *Management*

**Dr. Jamie Downing**, *Communication*

**Mr. Matthew Forrest**, *Art*

## Music Accreditation Update...

The American Music Therapy Association has granted approval of the Bachelor of Music, Post Bachelor Equivalency and the Master of Music Therapy degree programs at Georgia College & State University as of April 19, 2024. The next AMTA review for GCSU will be due June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2034.

## Summer Undergraduate Research Funding

MURACE Summer Scholarship Funding awards up to four GCSU undergraduate students the opportunity to work on mentored research or creative projects for eight weeks over the summer while getting compensated for their time. Three students received funding:

- Samuel Kinney, mentors Dr. Brooke Conaway and Dr. Kelly Lee, *Economics and Finance*
- Amber Stubbs, mentor Dominic DeSantis, *Biological and Environmental Sciences*
- Ella Cooper, mentor Dr. Brooke Rudow, *Philosophy, Religion, and Liberal Studies*

For more information, visit the MURACE [Summer Research Funding](#) page.

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