John H. Lounsbury
College of Education
Fall 2026 Meeting
4:30 – 6:00 pm
Kilpatrick Hall Room 136

Educator Preparation Stakeholder Council Meeting Minutes

4:30 – 4:40pm Welcome and Introduction

Dr. Doyin Coker-Kolo welcomed university faculty and staff, school partners, alumni, and community representatives. She emphasized stakeholder collaboration and continuous improvement in undergraduate and graduate educator preparation.

Council members and guests introduced themselves and their affiliations.

4:40 – 4:50pm Dean's Address and College Update

- Mission and Strategic Priorities

Dr. Sartin reviewed the College mission approved in April 2026 and outlined priorities including visibility and communication, alumni and partner engagement, data-informed quality assurance, graduate program development, and operational effectiveness.

- Alumni Recognition and Achievements

Dr. Sartin recognized statewide achievements of College Alumni and reported that three of the past five Georgia Teachers of the Year were GCSU alumni.

- Graduate Programs and District Partnerships

The College is exploring district partnerships to support graduate enrollment, including tuition assistance and payroll deduction options for practicing educators.

- Accreditation Update

The College has requested a one-year accreditation review deferral to align its systems and respond to changing state requirements. Dr. Sartin stated that national accreditation and state approval would remain in good standing during the deferral.

- Staffing and Organizational Updates

A Coordinator of Strategic Outreach and Engagement position is planned for January 2027. Recruitment is underway for four faculty positions: two in Teacher Education, one in Curriculum and Instruction, and one Professional Learning & Innovation.

4:50 -5:00pm Artificial Intelligence (AI) at GCSU

- Angela Criscoe described the speaker series beginning October 27, 2026, with topics including creative arts, student perspectives, education, healthcare, and research.
- College of Education Collaboration on the AI Series
  - The College will collaborate on a February 2, 2027, event featuring Dr. Edward Watson as part of the Lounsbury Distinguished Scholar Lecture Series.

5:00 – 5:10pm Partnerships and Field Placements

- Fall 2026 Field Placements

Director of Placement & Partnership Keisha Foston reported that special education placements began October 5, 2026; middle grades and elementary placements were scheduled to begin October 12 and October 15, respectively. A small number of placements required adjustments.

- Spring 2027 Placement Planning

Faculty placement requests were being collected for distribution to partner districts. District responses were requested by November 15, 2026 to allow adjustments before the end of the semester.

- Partnership Agreements

A new agreement with the Department of Defense Education Activity will expand placement opportunities, including overseas settings.

- Partner Teacher Liaison Meeting

The next liaison meeting was scheduled for October 21, 2026, to gather feedback and discuss partner teacher support.

- Future Georgia Educators Day

Future Georgia Educators Day was scheduled for October 29, 2026, for students in grades 9–12. Faculty and students will assist with workshops and campus activities.

5:10 – 5:25pm Breakout Sessions: AI in Education

- Responsible AI Use and Critical Thinking

Participants discussed academic integrity, student overreliance on AI, and the need to preserve critical thinking, independent learning, and problem-solving.

- Assessment and Instructional Accuracy

Members raised concerns about the reliability of AI-supported assessment tools and the implications for interventions and instructional decisions.

- Accessibility and Learning Support

Participants noted potential benefits of text-to-speech and summarization tools for students with learning differences.

- Privacy, Security, and Accountability

Participants discussed FERPA, student data privacy, verification of AI-generated content, and educators' responsibility for instructional decisions.

5:25 – 5:45pm Marketing Material Review & Feedback Reporting Out

- Review of Recruitment Materials

Stakeholders examined undergraduate and graduate program marketing materials for clarity, accuracy, visual appeal, and usefulness to prospective students.

- Feedback and Next Steps

Feedback will inform revisions to the College of Education recruitment materials.

5:45 – 5:55pm Stakeholder's Perspectives and Input

- 9.1 College Leadership and Communications

Consider stakeholder feedback in revisions to college recruitment materials.

- Partnerships and Field Placements

Finalize outstanding fall placements and coordinate spring 2027 district placement requests.

- Program Faculty and District Partners

Submit placement requests, respond by November 15, 2026, and support Future Georgia Educators Day workshops.

5:55 – 6:00pm Closing Remarks

Events and Engagement

- 1 Upcoming Events
    - Announcements included Educators After Hours in Macon on October 29, 2026, the February 2, 2027, AI in Education/Lounsbury Lecture event, and An Evening at Lounsbury on April 2, 2027.

- 2 Stakeholder Engagement
    - Council members were encouraged to participate in events, promote the College through social media, recommend prospective graduate students, and strengthen school and community partnerships.

*****Next Meeting will be held Spring 2027*****

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Attendance

Thursday, October 8, 2026

Educator Preparation Stakeholder's Council Meeting Sign-in		
Printed Name	**Signature**	
1. Loleta Sartin	Loleta Sartin	COE
2. Doyin Coker-Kolo	Doyin Coker-Kolo	JHL COE
3. Keisha Foston	Keisha Foston	COE
4. Eric Carlyle		
5. Valancia Devereux	Valancia Devereux	COE
6. Nancy Mizelle		
7. Madison Gannon	Madison Gannon	COE
8. Stacie Pettit	Stacie Pettit	
9. Melissa Martino	Melissa Martino	COE
10. Larry Newton		JHL COE
11. Javier Francisco		
12. Gloria Wicker	Gloria Wicker	BCSD
13. Cameron Shuler	Cameron Shuler	BCCJ
14. Lindsey Wingard		
15. Angela Criscoe	Angela Criscoe	SoCPS
16. Amy Lowe	Amy Lowe	
Guest		
1. Toni Bailey		
2. Kristina Davey	Kristina Davey	CoAS
3. Chris Greer (member)	Chris Greer	
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