

Provost Notes

Georgia College & State University

August 2016

Georgia College Launches New Expanded Technology Platform to Improve Student Success

For the past few years, Georgia College academic advisors have utilized the Educational Advisory Board's (EAB) early alert tool known as the *Student Success Collaborative* – a platform which helps to predict retention and academic success based on students' performance in certain "success marker" courses and other variables. EAB recently acquired a company and product known as "GradesFirst" and they have merged the functionality of the Student Success Collaborative with GradesFirst to develop a new expanded platform called "SSC Campus."

On July 1st, in order to sharpen its commitment to student retention, progression and graduation, Georgia College became one of the institutions to sign on to this new expanded tool from EAB. In addition to the predictive analytics aspect, SSC Campus now includes everyday practical functionality to help create a coordinated care network among student services offices on campus. For example, SSC Campus provides centralized student appointment scheduling and tracking, self-service appointment check-in, note-keeping and documentation, departmental referrals, individual faculty inquiries, and follow-up. The true benefit is having all of these functions in one system, linked to the student record, and having the ability to monitor and track activities.

Implementation of SSC Campus is being piloted with some heavy traffic areas such as the Academic Advising Center, the Career Center, and the Learning Center, with the expectation to expand to other popular student resources in the near future. The system is also open to all faculty who are encouraged to use SSC Campus to alert academic advisors to concerns about students who may be in academic risk. Training sessions are available to any academic department wishing to learn more about the SSC Campus platform. For more information, contact Mike Augustine or Karen Higgs at 478-445-2361.

Congratulations



Carolyn Denard, Ph.D., Associate Provost for Student Success, secured \$120,000 in external funding from the University System of Georgia. The award will support the project entitled "STEM Education Improvement Plan." Funds will support enhancement of the STEM Supplemental Instruction Program. This program has resulted in successful performance of students in STEM classes and the training pipeline for future teachers in STEM fields--secondary and college. Funds will provide training for additional SI Leaders, support for current SIs and Coaches for SI Leaders, and Workshops and Students. The Benefit to GC students will be enhanced performance in STEM classes, leadership and instructional training, career clarification, and overall improved academic performance. The SI program also contributes to second and third year retention.

Promotion & Tenure Task Force Open Forums

Assistant Professors

August 31st (Wednesday) @ 3:30

September 8th (Thursday) @ 12:30

Associate Professors

September 19th (Monday) @ 3:30

September 27th (Tuesday) @ 12:30

Professors

October 18th (Tuesday) @ 12:30

October 26th (Wednesday) @ 3:30

Save the Dates

September

27th- 20th Anniversary Liberal Arts Celebration

October

17th - Budget Forums

20th - Fall Festival (Annual Faculty & Staff Picnic)

November

4&5th- Alumni Weekend

December

9th- Old Governor's Mansion Holiday Open House

10th- Commencement

2016-2017 Graduate Council Meetings

Friday, August 27, 2016 @ 3:30

Friday, September 30, 2016 @ 3:30

Friday, October 28, 2016 @ 3:30

Monday, November 28, 2016 @ 3:30

Friday, January 27, 2017 @ 3:30

Friday, February 24, 2017 @ 3:30

Monday, March 27, 2017 @ 3:30

All meetings will be held in Parks 301
(President's Conference Room)

SARA: Led by the USG, the application by Georgia College to operate under the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) was approved. The SARA agreement allows Georgia College students to take online courses and complete internships in other states. For GC online programs, SARA enables students from other states to take those GC programs without the institution having to create individual agreements with each state. SARA requires that we provide comparable national standards for online courses we teach. To learn more about SARA, go to <http://nc-sara.org/content/basic-questions-about-sara>

Provost Fall 2016 Programming:

- *2015 GC Faculty Scholarship Support Program*
Panel Presentation, September 28th, 10AM-Rm TBA
Dr. Kristina Dandy, Psychological Science; Dr. Donovan Dominique, Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy; Dr. Mary Magoulick, English and Rhetoric; Dr. Katie Simon, English and Rhetoric
- *HERs Presentation-Women's Leadership Forum*
September 13th - Magnolia Ballroom, 12PM
Dr. Tsu-Ming Chiang, Psychological Science
- *Department Chair Retreat*
September 30th - Mansion Education Room
Presentation by Penn State Leadership Academy participants Dr. Aran McKinnon, History & Geography and Dr. Indiren Pillay, Biological & Environmental Sciences

Program Approvals by the BOR: The University System of Georgia approved (August 10th) the following requests submitted by the Office of Academic Affairs:

- **Master of Science in Athletic Training**
- Substantive Change: **Master of Arts in Teaching with a major in Special Education**
- Substantive Change: **Master of Education with a major in Curriculum and Instruction** (Online Delivery)
- Substantive Change: **Specialist in Education with a major in Teacher Leadership** (Online Delivery)

MPA NASPAA Accreditation: The Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration and the Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation (COPRA) completed its review of the Master of Public Administration program at Georgia College and found it to be in substantial conformity with NASPAA Standards for Professional Master's Degree Programs in Public Affairs, Policy, and Administration. As a result, the program was reaccredited for a period of 7 years and will be included on NASPAA's Annual Roster of Accredited Programs. Congratulations!