

# Provost Notes

Georgia College & State University

April 2016

Georgia College recently approved the promotion of 16 faculty members for their excellence in teaching, scholarship/creative activities, and service to the university, community and/or profession, two of which were promotions from lecturer to senior lecturer. The university would also like to announce that 6 faculty members earned tenure. All promotions and tenured statuses become effective at the beginning of the 2016-17 contract year.

## College of Arts and Sciences

- Dr. Ryan Brown, promotion to Professor
- Dr. Marcella Chiorescu, tenure & promotion to Associate Professor
- Dr. Kristin English, tenure & promotion to Associate Professor
- Ms. Emily Gomez, promotion to Professor
- Mr. Carlos Herrera, promotion to Professor
- Dr. Min Kim, promotion to Associate Professor
- Dr. Chavonda Mills, promotion to Professor
- Dr. Indiren Pillay, promotion to Professor
- Dr. Katie Simon, tenure & promotion to Associate Professor
- Dr. Amy Sumpter, tenure & promotion to Associate Professor
- Dr. Cliff Towner, tenure & promotion to Associate Professor

## College of Health Sciences

- Dr. Lisa Griffin, promotion to Professor

## J. Whitney Bunting College of Business

- Dr. Chris Clark, promotion to Professor

## John H. Lounsbury College of Education

- Dr. Chrispen Matsika, promotion to Associate Professor
- Dr. Rebecca McMullen, promotion to Professor

## Ina Dillard Russell Library

- Ms. Jolene Cole, tenure & promotion to Associate Professor

Congratulations!

## *Faculty Accepted in COPLAC Liberal Arts Digital Project ...*

Jessica Wallace, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of History and Tina Holmes-Davis, DMA, Assistant Professor of Music were accepted to participate in COPLAC's Digital Liberal Arts Seminar for Undergraduate Researchers. Titled "Public Access and the Liberal Arts: A Narrative History" this project will collect and publish stories that capture the identities, cultures, histories, and environments related to public liberal arts education.

## **Leadership Programs**

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Participation at 2016-2017 Leadership Development programs:

Millennium Leadership Initiative  
Veronica Womack, Ph.D.  
Chief Diversity Officer and  
Special Advisor to the President  
Office of Inclusive Excellence

### ACE Fellows Program

Costas Spirou, Ph.D.  
Interim Associate Provost and  
Director of Graduate Studies  
Office of Academic Affairs

**QUALITY MATTERS:** A growing number of Georgia College faculty are using the Quality Matters Rubric (QMR) and processes to improve the design of online and blended courses. Quality Matters (<https://www.qualitymatters.org/>), is founded on national standards of best practice and instructional design principles. The QMR and processes are continuous, centered (on research, student learning, and quality), collegial (faculty driven, peer review process), and collaborative (based on evidence, flexible, uses experiences online instructors). GC is sponsoring free, dedicated workshops through IDEAS that allows faculty to be certified for Applying the QMR. As of April 7, 2016, 187 (55%) of Georgia College faculty are teaching online and blended courses, 64 (34%) have enrolled in the Quality Matters (QM) database, 20 are certified for completing the Applying the QMR course, and 4 are certified Quality Matters Peer Reviewers. For more information contact Jeanne Sewell, Interim Director, IDEAS (ext. 1269).

**B.O.R. SUBMISSIONS:** Following GC's internal review and approval policies and procedures, and in accordance with the USG guidelines, the Office of Academic Affairs submitted the following to the BOR

- Renaming of Minor in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- MMIS to be delivered online in Fall 2016
- USG Certificate in Film **and** Certificate in Non-Profit Management
- Exercise Science Concentrations: (1) Fitness and Performance, (2) Sports Medicine, (3) Pre-Professional
- Concertation in Biochemistry **and** Concentration in Music Education

### Spring 2016 edTPA Results

Teacher candidates in the College of Education achieved a 99% pass rate in the edTPS portfolio submissions. Congratulations!

### First Annual Chair Retreat

The first annual Chair Retreat was held at Rock Eagle Conference Center on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Entitled "Reclaiming our Value," the retreat featured speakers Matt Pellish and John Tannous from the Educational Advisory Board (EAB). Participants

discussed many challenges facing higher education with focus upon the effect of changing demographics and shrinking state funding sources. The gathering stimulated conversations and initiatives that will contribute to GC's growing reputation.

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### Upcoming Events/Dates:

#### Celebration of Excellence

April 22, 2016  
9:00 a.m. Russell Auditorium

#### Celebration of Scholarship

April 19, 2016  
4:00- 6:00 p.m. Library Atrium

### 2016 Governor's Teaching Fellows Program

Full Year Program Due: April 18, 2016      Contact Dr. Steve Jones for details

### Spring Commencement – Centennial Center

Graduate Ceremony May 6, 2016: 7:00 p.m./6:45 p.m. processional  
Undergraduate Ceremony May 7, 2106:

- The College of Arts & Sciences ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. with the processional beginning promptly at 8:45 a.m.
- The Colleges of Business, Education and Health Sciences ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. with the processional beginning promptly at 1:45 p.m.