

Provost Notes

Georgia College & State University

April 2017

Georgia College recently approved the promotion of 22 faculty members for their excellence in teaching, scholarship/creative activities, and service to the university, community and/or profession. The university would also like to announce that 14 faculty members earned tenure. All promotions and tenured statuses become effective with the start of the 2017-18 contract year:

College of Arts & Sciences

- Mr. Juan Antonio Alcarria, promotion to Senior Lecturer
- Dr. Jan Clark, promotion to Professor
- Dr. Jennifer Flaherty, tenure & promotion to Associate Professor
- Dr. Sandra Godwin, promotion to Professor
- Dr. Ashok Hegde, tenure
- Dr. Whitney Heppner, tenure & promotion to Associate Professor
- Dr. Kalina Manoylov, promotion to Professor
- Dr. Susmita Sadhu, tenure & promotion to Associate Professor
- Dr. Samiparna Samanta, tenure & promotion to Associate Professor
- Dr. Brandon Samples, tenure & promotion to Associate Professor
- Dr. Peter Selgin, tenure & promotion to Associate Professor
- Dr. John Sirmans, tenure & promotion to Associate Professor
- Ms. Sandra Trujillo, promotion to Professor

College of Health Sciences

- Dr. Carol Bowdoin, tenure & promotion to Associate Professor
- Dr. Scott Butler, promotion to Professor
- Dr. Sallie Coke, promotion to Professor
- Dr. Kevin Hunt, tenure & promotion to Associate Professor
- Dr. Mandy Jarriel, tenure & promotion to Associate Professor
- Dr. Deborah MacMillan, promotion to Professor

J. Whitney Bunting College of Business

- Dr. Kevin Elder, tenure

John H. Lounsbury College of Education

- Dr. Chris Greer, promotion to Professor
- Dr. Diane Gregg, promotion to Associate Professor
- Dr. Olha Tsarykovska, tenure & promotion to Associate Professor
- Dr. Betta Vice, tenure & promotion to Associate Professor

Congratulations...

Dave Bachoon, PhD, Biological and Environmental Sciences received \$5,000 for the Implementation of Pataula Creek Watershed Management Plan River Valley Regional Commission/EPA. The funding will be used to perform fecal source tracking on five (5) water samples through a method that involves DNA extraction and source tracking for cattle, pigs, deer, chicken and birds.

The **G.C. Nursing Program** received continuing approval (through December 2021) for the BSN undergraduate program from the Georgia Board of Nursing.

B.O.R. Submissions & Approvals:

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:

- New Program Proposal – MAT in Music Education
- Deactivation - Minor in Fiber Arts
- Deactivation – MA in History

The USG confirmed the following approvals:

- B.A. in Art: Concentration in Graphic Design
- Geographic Information Science Certificate
- Sustainability Certificate
- Deactivation - Minor in Fiber Arts

The Office of Inclusive Excellence's Civility Project workshop series is hosting Dr. Julie Ancis, Associate Vice President, from the Office of Institute Diversity at Georgia Tech. Dr. Ancis will conduct a workshop entitled, "Understanding and Eliminating Implicit Bias" on April 13, 2017, at 11:00 am in the MSU Donahoo Lounge. The "Listening Up" workshop will be held on April 25, 2017 at 12:30 pm in the MSU Donahoo Lounge. For additional information, please visit the Office of Inclusive Excellence website at <http://www.gcsu.edu/oie>.

The Office of Admissions has been working diligently to recruit the upcoming class of 2021. Our goal is a class of 1,450 freshmen, including 135 students through the Summer Bridge Scholars Program. While the Admissions Office leads the efforts, recruitment of new students is a university-wide initiative and cannot be successful without the assistance of many across our institution. A big thanks to all who assist with these recruitment efforts!

- More than 24,000 visitors have been to GC as part of the campus tour program.
- During Fall season, Admissions staff interacted with 12,501 students at large group information session, high school visits and college fairs. This includes 5,157 students from diverse backgrounds, and 989 students from outside of Georgia.
- Complete freshmen applications total approximately 4,000 with 1,000 more students working to complete their applications. The following are increases from the same day last year (April 3, 2017):

- ✓ Admitted students are up by 14%
- ✓ Admitted students from underrepresented background are up by 5%
- ✓ Admitted Hispanic students are up by 19%
- ✓ Confirmation Deposits are up by 19%
- ✓ POUNCE Students are up by 29%
- ✓ Housing applications are up by 21%

Graduate Research Grants Recipients

Terrell S Johnson: "Kaolin Products as Prospective Tools for the Sorption of Biofilm-Forming Bacteria."

Alyssa Thompson: "Reduction of Proportions of Freshwater Diatoms during the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project in Port Wentworth, GA."

Calabria Turner: "Politically Cyclical: Richard II and Machiavelli in Elizabethan England" and "Embrace Your Femininity: Jessica Swale's Nell Gwynn."

Merry Zohn: "Assessment of Diatom Movement and Species Composition in Relation to Various Tide Levels on St. Simons Island, GA."

Important Dates

Department Chairs Retreat (April 14th-8:00 am-2:00 pm)

Old Governor's Mansion Education Room

Faculty Scholarship Celebration (April 14th - 3:00pm)

Museum Education Room

Celebration of Excellence (April 21st - 9:00am)

Russell Auditorium

Faculty Friday hosted by President Dorman

(April 21st at 4:00 pm), Leland Gallery at Ennis Hall

Graduate Commencement (May 5th at 6:45 pm)

Centennial Center

Undergraduate Commencement

(May 6th at 8:45 am for A&S and 1:45 pm for CoB, CoEd, CoHS)

Centennial Center

OneUSG

OneUSG is a system-wide initiative to develop and implement a consistent approach to policies, procedures and technology solutions that benefit the University System of Georgia (USG), in an effort to reduce costs, streamline processes, and have uniform guidelines with centralized support. The first priority for the OneUSG initiative is to bring all institutions onto one system to manage USG human resources activities, benefits and compensation.

OneUSG Connect will replace ADP and all employees will use the system to record and submit time and to access, review and update personal information including direct deposit, paystubs and benefits.

There are many benefits for using OneUSG Connect:

- It's easy to use and will automate current manual HR and benefits processes.
- It can be used on mobile devices and will allow employees to submit and/or approve absences on the go.
- It delivers faster and more efficient responses to handle issues or answer questions, which will be available through the USG Shared Service Center's centralized support.

Student Ratings of Instruction Survey (SRIS)

Improving teaching effectiveness is a key institutional priority and research has consistently shown that student feedback is essential since it can positively contribute to strengthening the learning experience. Faculty should schedule a time so that students can complete the evaluation. Students can be reminded via D2L or PAWS to bring to class a mobile device, tablet or laptop. The deadline for students to complete the evaluation is **May 1, 2017**.