

Provost Notes

Georgia College & State University

January 2016

New Graduate Studies Web Portal

A new Graduate Studies web portal is now available with information about our academic programs. The site provides key material to prospective students and academic resources to current students. A number of videos showcase various offerings and a library of additional videos is currently under development. This is a dynamic portal with news and information about Graduate Studies at Georgia College (available at <http://www.qcsu.edu/future-students/graduate>).

Georgia College is now a member of The Common Application

Georgia College is the newest member of The Common Application, the nation's leading application for college bound students. Now incoming freshman students may apply via the Common Application or by using our regular application at GACollege411. This process will support our efforts to increase our out-of-state footprint.

Georgia College is one of only three University System of Georgia schools that are common app members. Other common application member universities/colleges in Georgia include Emory, Georgia Tech, Georgia State, Mercer, Berry, Spelman and Morehouse.

Student Ratings of Instruction System (SRIS)

Upon the Faculty Senate recommendation in 2013, Georgia College adopted IDEA's Student Ratings of Instruction System (SRIS). The survey involves a three-step process: chairs and faculty choose courses to be surveyed, instructors complete the Faculty Information Form (FIF), and students complete the form electronically. It is recommended that faculty include in the course syllabus a set time and date for students to complete the survey. Fall 2015 saw our largest response rate to date ~ 57.50%. Thank you for your timely work in this important process!

STEM Education Improvement Plan

Georgia College, along with

20 Years Ago ..

In January 1996, Vice President and Dean of Faculties, Ralph Hemphill announced that Georgia College would be converting from quarters to semesters by fall 1998. A committee comprised of individuals from each department was formed.

Leadership Programs

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ACE Leadership Academy for Department Chairs (January 2016):

[Dr. Lisa Griffin](#), Health & Human Performance
[Dr. Sergio Ruiz](#), Music
[Dr. Indiren Pillay](#), Biology and Environmental Sciences

USG Workshop for New Deans & Department Chairs (January 2016)

[Scott Butler](#), College of Health Sciences
[Shaundra Walker](#), Library
[Stephanie McClure](#), College of Arts & Sciences
[Sunita Manian](#), College of Arts & Sciences

fourteen other institutions in the University System of Georgia, has received approval from the USG to develop a STEM Education Improvement Plan that will replace the current STEM Initiative that ends June 30th. The new STEM Education Improvement Plan will support a targeted initiative over the next three years to address “increases in the success and completion rates of student majoring in STEM disciplines.” Georgia College has been approved to apply for up to

\$155,000 to support the implementation plan. A campus wide committee will be working over next few weeks to complete the plan that will be submitted to the USG by March 15th. Georgia College’s plan, and its successes will be shared with other institutions to serve as a model for implementing programs in the USG STEM Network to help improve student performance in STEM classes.

On The Move

During the fall semester a number of offices moved, the new locations are:

Office of Legal Affairs: Miller Court

Audit: Miller Court

VP for Advancement: Parks 305

Center for Faculty

Development: A&S 2-56B

Nonprofit Leadership: A&S 2-56B

Live Healthy Baldwin: North Clark Street House

*Georgia College & State University
Office of Academic Affairs
Parks 305 478-445-4715*

Upcoming Events/Dates:

State of the University

January 29, 2016

2:00 p.m. Russell Auditorium

Spring Commencement

Graduate Ceremony May 6, 2016

Undergraduate Ceremony May 7, 2106

Lynton Award for Scholarship of Engagement for Early Career Faculty

Due: February 15, 2016 Contact Dr. Steve Jones for details

2016 Governor’s Teaching Fellows Program

Summer Program Due: February 1, 2016

Full Year Program Due: April 18, 2016

Contact Dr. Steve Jones for details

Faculty Awards Due Dates

College nominations to Dr. Steve Jones by **March 13**

- Excellence in Teaching Award
- Excellence in Scholarship & Creative Endeavors Award
- Excellence in University Service
- Excellence in Scholarship of Teaching and Learning