

Provost Notes

Georgia College & State University

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J. Whitney Bunting College of Business Receives AACSB Accreditation

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) recently approved the extension of accreditation for business degree programs in the J. Whitney Bunting College of Business at Georgia College. The J. Whitney Bunting College of Business has been accredited by AACSB since 1997. Earning AACSB accreditation is a significant accomplishment—one that resonates around the globe with those who are seeking the best in business education. AACSB accreditation encourages schools to remain on the cutting edge of business education and represents an ongoing commitment to quality improvement and the promise to deliver the skills and abilities critical to the success of global business.

AACSB International is the world's largest business education network connecting students, academia, and business to advance business education worldwide. A nonprofit membership organization run by dedicated volunteers and staff, AACSB International provides quality assurance of business school programs, the latest in business education intelligence, thought leadership and professional development services.

Congratulations to the dedicated work of the COB administration, faculty, staff, who along with students and the support of the COB advisory board, are upholding the highest standards of excellence in business education!

The **2016-2017 Provost Lecture Series** aims to recognize faculty scholarship, present colleagues with an opportunity to share their scholarly interests and provide a greater depth and diversity of views while also expanding the intellectual climate on campus.

The next lecture in the series is titled *Making an Impact: Examining Faculty-Derived Campus Ethos & Engagement among Black Males in the Community College* and is scheduled for March 15, 2017 at the Museum Education Room from 12:00 – 1:00 PM. The presenter is John D. Harrison, Ph.D., Associate Dean and Professor, College of Education.

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:

- Geographic Information Science Certificate
- Sustainability Certificate
- Deactivation of Bachelors of Music Education Degree Program
- B.A. in Art – Concentration Graphic Design

International Education Center

Approximately 80 international students from 25 countries are currently at GC. A new strategic plan has been developed to increase this number to 140-150 students over the next five years, focusing on East Asia (China, Japan, and South Korea).

GC just initiated a campaign called #youarewelcomehere (see video link): <https://vimeo.com/georgiacollege/review/205945232/0b10916ced>. The purpose is to encourage international students to study in the USA and at GC. This is an attempt to offset some conflicting information about recent immigration changes.

Office of Grants & Sponsored Projects

Following two successful National Science Foundation (NSF) grant writing retreats in the Fall 2016, the Office of Grants and Sponsored Projects (OGSP) will be offering a retreat for National Institutes of Health (NIH) R15 Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) grants this summer (tentatively May 19-21). R15s are offered by NIH to stimulate research at educational institutions that provide baccalaureate and/or advanced degrees for a significant number of the nation's research scientists, but that have not been major recipients of NIH support. The AREA program enables qualified scientists to receive support for small-scale research projects. OGSP will be accepting pre-proposal applications in the next month and will support up to six faculty for a retreat weekend. Retreat dates, pre-proposal format and other logistical information will be available soon. If you have questions, please contact Robin Lewis at robin.lewis@gcsu.edu.

GC Facilities Updates

Mayfair/McIntosh – Mayfair will serve as the future home of our Welcome Center and Enrollment Management while McIntosh will be the future home of several academic support areas. The project is slated for completion in May 2017.

Beeson Hall - The completion and move-in date is still scheduled for late summer/early fall 2017. Beeson will house our physics labs (currently in Herty Hall) and over 50 offices that will include faculty and staff currently housed in Terrell Hall.

Terrell Hall and Kilpatrick – This initiative was approved in the last legislative session for the design phase of the capital project process. The architectural firm of LAS (Lord, Aeck & Sargent) started meetings on campus with stakeholders to begin the design phase of the project. Terrell Hall is one of the oldest dormitories on the Georgia College campus and was constructed in 1909 without any significant renovations in its history. This project will include accessibility upgrades, installation of an elevator, major improvements in energy efficiency as well as replacement of all the major antiquated systems. Once renovated, Terrell Hall is planned to provide offices and support facilities for all of Georgia College's communications departments currently scattered across the campus. In 1977, renovations to Kilpatrick removed windows from much of the building and this project will give Georgia College the opportunity to replace the windows throughout the building. This project will also enhance Kilpatrick with improved energy efficiency lighting and replacement finishes as funding permits.

Library Clark Street Entrance – Georgia College is partnering with the GCSU Foundation to revamp the Ina Dillard Russell Library's original entrance located on Clarke Street. The architectural firm of Cogdell & Mendrala already started the design work and we will be selecting the general contractor in the next few weeks. This project will create an entrance to the Library and will also showcase our special collections. In the end, this major upgrade will serve as an attractive gateway to the two other Library additions and will house video walls that will feature and educate others about the history of our institution.

Upcoming ENGAGE Workshops

Basics (30 or 60 minutes): *What is ENGAGE and how can you get involved?* – The goal of these workshops is to introduce ENGAGE and to discuss briefly the programs and resources available. Multiple sessions on various days and times are offered to encourage wide participation, including March 13, April 5, and April 13.

Apprentice: Two to three workshops are forthcoming that focus on covering (1) content related to course design, (2) learning goals, (3) reflection, and (4) assessment.

For more information regarding this programming please contact Cathy Stevens, ENGAGE at ext. 8534.

Upcoming GC1Y/2Y Sessions

The Sub-committee on the Core Curriculum (SoCC) will sponsor a discussion forum for all interested faculty titled *The Joys and Challenges of Teaching an Area B Course* (GC1Y or GC2Y) on Friday, March 10 at 1:00pm, A&S 2-46.

Whether you already teach a section, or are considering doing so, you are invited to come discuss teaching techniques, readings, assignments, grading, assessment, and any other topics in teaching Area B. Come brainstorm, share successes, and get inspired.

For more information, contact Mary Magoulick, PhD, Professor of English and Women's Studies in A&S 3-21.

2nd Annual Celebration of Faculty Scholarship

The 2nd Annual Celebration of Faculty Scholarship is scheduled to take place on Friday, April 14 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm in the Pat Peterson Museum Education Room. In preparation for this event, the Ina Dillard Russell Library is compiling a bibliography of scholarly work, creative endeavors and editorial contributions from the calendar year 2016. Faculty can share citations of their work through the following form:

https://gcsu.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9Mi2eRhZKJAoyV. Please note that the form must be completed in full to be submitted.

The deadline for submissions is March 17. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Jennifer Townes, Scholarly Communications Librarian, at jennifer.townes@gcsu.edu or ext. 0991.