Provost Notes

Space Utilization Steering Committee Update

The existing classroom and event scheduling software utilized by GC for many years has become obsolete and must be replaced. A space utilization study for the USG performed by Sasaki Associates in 2013 ranked Georgia College 16th out of the 31 USG institutions in classroom utilization. In response to these issues, the *Space Utilization Steering Committee* was formed by Provost Brown to provide recommendations on a system that would replace the outdated software currently in use. The Committee was also tasked with considering other strategies to help improve scheduling academic space. Three vendors were invited to campus and completed presentations to the university community. These included (1) CollegeNET 25Live, (2) Ad Astra Information Systems, and (3) EMS Software. The Committee has reviewed survey results from those who attended the sessions and made recommendations to the Provost. In addition, the Committee has reviewed the academic scheduling process created in 2009 and will make a recommendation to the Provost to utilize the new software to support the effective and efficient allocation academic space.

Georgia College Implementing
Multifactor Authentication for OneUSG

With the onset of stolen campus credentials, Georgia College is implementing Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA), using software provided by DUO. The first delivery of MFA will be in the authentication to OneUSG.   Every employee is asked to complete early enrollment with DUO to set-up MFA. Go to **unify.gcsu.edu** and click on the DUO icon. Georgia College expects to go live with DUO to OneUSG in mid-April.

The DUO Mobile app is available for smart phones. Setting up DUO on multiple devices provides the greatest flexibility. For assistance with this process, please contact either the Serve Help Desk at x7378 or Hance Patrick at x6354.

Find more information…
Introduction to 2FA and DUO:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_T_sJXnSM98
Getting started with DUO Mobile:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EMj89Ulpx6c
H/R training site https://training.gcsu.edu/public/programs

Congratulations!

Veronica Womack, PhD, Office of Inclusive Excellence, received a grant for *Resilience and Food Security in Black Belt Alabama through Land-Based Cooperative Economics and Communal* from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, $25,000.

Hong Yue, PhD, Mathematics, received support for professional development - *2018 International Congress of Mathematicians*, The American Mathematical Society – NSF, $3,300.

David Weese, PhD, Biological and Environmental Sciences, received funding for *Francisella Noatunesis Subsp. Orientalis Incidence in feral populations of Tilapia in Hawai'i*, University of Hawai'i/Center for Tropical and Subtropical Aquaculture, $23,900.

Emmanuel Little, Call Me MISTER Program and Minority Retention received program support for *Call Me MISTER* from Georgia Power, $5,000.

Sequena Moon, High Achievers Program received program support for *High Achievers* from the Georgia Department of Human Services, $199,500.

UCC and GEC Update

Information about the **University Curriculum Committee (UCC)** is now available at
http://www.gcsu.edu/provost/university-curriculum-committee-ucc
Information about the **General Education Committee** is now available at
http://www.gcsu.edu/provost/general-education-committee

ArtHealthy Festival

The ArtHealthy Festival, in partnership with CREATE, is one of GC's Diversity Action Plan signature events. The festival will take place on April 14, 2018, from 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Georgia College Front Campus.

This one-day event engages the broader Milledgeville community and the GC community in promoting art and healthy living in Middle Georgia. In an effort to operationalize CREATE's vision to "Provide Innovative Responses to Quality-of-Life Barriers," the ArtHealthy Festival serves as a vehicle for health education and recreation through the arts. It also helps strengthen relationships within the community.

Save the Date!
Celebration of Faculty Scholarship
April 30, 2018   4:00 pm-6:00 pm
Location TBD

No-Cost and Low-Cost Materials
Course Attributes New Business Practice

The University System of Georgia has implemented a new business practice to prominently designate course sections whose course materials exclusively consist of no-cost (open or free textbooks) or low-cost course materials ($40 or under) at the point of registration. We are required to implement this practice with our Fall 2018 course schedule.

This practice will work essentially the same as the Plagiarism Prevention designation that the system currently requires for all courses that use plagiarism prevention software. Departments will need to poll their faculty to determine if any of their courses will qualify for this designation, and then department staff will add it to the Banner SSADETL form. The codes will be:

ZNCM - No cost: $0 required costs

ZLCM – Low cost: $40 or under required costs

Additional instructions for department staff will be sent separately. Like the plagiarism prevention attribute, this information needs to be entered in Banner prior to the start of registration. Contact Kay Anderson, Registrar, with any questions at x6286.

Nursing Colleagues Recognized by the Georgia Association of Nurse Educators (GANE)

Dr. Sheryl Winn is the 2018 recipient of the GANE Jan Van de Verde Award. This annual award is given to an outstanding Nurse Educator in Georgia who has demonstrated a positive influence on Nursing Education in Georgia.

Dr. Debbie Greene is the 2018 recipient of the GANE Innovation in Teaching Award. This annual award recognizes innovation and creativity in best teaching practices by a Nursing Educator in Georgia.

Graduate Nurse Educator student **Mrs. Talecia Warren** is the 2018 recipient of the GANE Spillman Bischoff Scholarship. This is given annually to a graduate student who has demonstrated potential as a future nursing leader in the area of nursing education.

GC School of Nursing was well recognized for outstanding Nursing Education faculty. **Dr. Josie Doss** (Scholarship and Research), **Dr. Monica Ketchie** (Scholarship and Research), and **Dr. Krystal Canady** (Excellence in Clinical Education) were nominated for these recognitions.

Bobcat Open Learning Technology

Bobcat Open Learning Technology (BOLT) provides laptop devices to qualifying students who do not own a computer. By leveraging GC's Thundercloud virtual computing environment, these students are loaned a lightweight device that looks and feels much like a high-end laptop. This device uses available WIFI to access the student's own cloud-based Windows 10 computer. The pilot program started in Fall 2017 and currently has four students enrolled who have already accumulated over 500 computing hours in just a few short weeks. Because of close relationships with enrolled students, the program is receiving great feedback aimed at making BOLT a premium resource for our students. Supported by the Student Technology Fee Committee, this is a collaborative effort of Financial Aid, Russell Library, and Information Technology. If needed, GC looks forward to expanding the program over the coming years. For more information about BOLT, please contact Ed Stanley at x8602 or Kell Carpenter at x0976.