

Provost Notes

Georgia College & State University

March 2020

COVID-19 Preparedness: Teaching Resources and Additional Information

As we further our preparations to provide students with continuity in learning, due to the uncertainties surrounding the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) situation, I would like to share with you some useful information and resources:

1. Please familiarize yourself with the following [resource](#) from the **Center for Teaching and Learning** to access materials on GeorgiaVIEW (Brightspace by D2L) which is Georgia College's Learning Management System. You will find D2L interactive tutorials, quick guides, open educational resources for teaching and learning, as well as course design insights, grade book build, video assistance and other services. I would suggest that each of you work to develop a sample module by using your home equipment. This will allow you to simulate a potential situation should the need arise.
2. In addition, USG eCampus has produced an online training course for USG faculty titled *Rapid Guide to Teaching Online in D2L*. It is a condensed triage-style training that focuses on the basics of online access, communication, quizzes, and assignment submissions. There will be a companion training for students as well as a basic D2L LMS template that faculty can use. Contact the **Center for Teaching and Learning** if you are interested in accessing this resource.
3. Other USG institutions have developed resources on ways to access and prepare for remote instruction. For example Georgia State University has created the following [website](#). The *Chronicle of Higher Education* also published a resource which you can find [here](#). Contact the **Center for Teaching and Learning** for more information on this and other USG material.
4. For D2L technical support:
 - **Center for Teaching and Learning** (478-445-2520-ctl@gcsu.edu) Hours: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday (Location: Library 3rd Floor, Room 375).
 - Password Issues: **SERVE** Email or 478-445-7378.
 - **GeorgiaVIEW Knowledge Center** (<https://d2lhelp.view.usg.edu/s/>) provides 24/7/365 assistance through Knowledge Base or Help Center Agent (1-855-772-0423).
 - Staff members from the Center for Teaching and Learning will be happy to assist you with D2L and teaching support. Feel free to contact any of the following staff members:
 - Jim Berger, CTL Director (jim.berger@gcsu.edu)
 - Laura Mender, Systems Analyst (laura.mender@gcsu.edu)
 - Jaclyn Queen, Instructional Designer (jaclyn.queen@gcsu.edu)
 - Barbara Szyjko, Instructional Technology Staff Specialist (barbara.szyjko@gcsu.edu)
 - Simeco Vinson, Instructional Designer Specialist (simeco.vinson@gcsu.edu)

Congratulations!

**Josie Doss, PhD,
Nursing**
*Holistic Healthcare for
Victims of Sexual
Violence in Georgia –
Yr2, Health Resources
and Services
Administration,
\$276,772*

**Emmanuel Little,
PhD, Call Me
MiSTER**
*Call Me MiSTER,
Georgia Power
Foundation, \$10,000*

**Sandy Baxter,
Communities in
Schools**
*Wraparound Baldwin –
Yr2, U.S. Department
of Education, \$499,797*

COVID-19 Coronavirus Information

The USG has a page for information regarding the coronavirus that is updated regularly: <https://www.usg.edu/coronavirus>

For Georgia College information, click here: <https://www.gcsu.edu/coronavirus>

General Education Core Redesign Update

Following extensive feedback, the USG made the decision to move to an implementation timeline in which students will begin their classes in the new Gen Ed curriculum in Fall 2022. Universities will have to complete the approval, policy, curricular and technology work that makes them ready to enter that fall 2022 schedule into BANNER well in advance of that date.

This change in implementation timeline allows the USG to present the draft policy language to the BOR as an information item in April, and move the final approval of policy and structure to May, at the earliest. The USG will also hold regional forums and are in the process of calendaring 8 town halls during March, as well as opportunities to meet with many of the RACs. The USG remains committed to collecting thoughts, feedback and suggestions through the forums and other means and will explore ways to appropriately adjust the final structure. Please provide feedback at https://www.usg.edu/redesigned_general_education

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to celebrate and offer appreciation for your service to our institution

Faculty Appreciation Reception

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

5:00-7:00 PM

Heritage Hall | 221 N. Clarke Street

[RSVP here](#) or

Rhonda Griffin (Office of the Provost) 478-445-4715



Celebration of
**GEORGIA
COLLEGE**
FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP & GRANTS
APRIL 23, 2020 4PM - 6PM PAT PETERSON EDUCATION ROOM

SAVE THE DATE
Thursday April 23, 2020

Pat Peterson Museum Education Room
Ina Dillard Russell Library, Heritage Hall
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.



Master Degrees Update

Effective November 19, 2020, the BOR/USG passed the following policy: "Master degrees are comprised of 30 hours of a coherent program of study beyond the bachelor's degree. Master degrees are subject to Board of Regents and USG policies on comprehensive program review and all relevant SACSCOC standards for a distinct program of study. Master degrees beyond 30 credit hours require the approval of the USG chief academic officer."

All current programs comprised of more than 30 cr. hrs. of degree requirements and were approved for the credit hour exception (i.e. 36, 45, 60 cr. hrs.) are "grandfathered" in under this new ruling. All new proposals for programs which exceed the 30-credit hour requirement, must also submit a request for an exception to 3.8.5 at the time of proposal consideration. Any program, that must undergo changes in credit hour requirements due to accreditation or professional certification/licensure standards, must submit these changes for notification (or in some cases re-approval) to the USG chief academic officer.

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