

# Provost Notes

Georgia College & State University

October 2019

## GC Journeys Update

*GC Journeys* has had a busy Fall semester. So far, more than fifty faculty and staff members have registered for [GC Journeys Info Sessions](#), and nearly thirty have enrolled in the Design for Transformative Learning 16-week class. The Office will be running workshops on Teaching with Transformative Learning, as well as using Essential Skills. Click [here](#) to sign up for a workshop.

We are also in the process of creating a Faculty Advisory Committee. Please [click here](#) if you are interested in serving. Our staff also met with SGA to discuss the formation of a *GC Journeys* Student Advisory Committee. We have been working with department chairs and faculty to support transformative experiences on campus and with individual offices/experiences, such as the First Year Experience Committee.

Additionally, the Office is establishing policies and procedures and published a Student Handbook. Operational definitions have been drafted to define each transformative experience and an aspirational three-year timeline has been developed. We are also in the process of creating a *GC Journeys* Faculty/Staff Handbook to compile relevant resources into one place and with the Advising Center to update academic maps to include suggested transformative experiences into students' four-year plan. For more info, contact [jordan.cofer@gcsu.edu](mailto:jordan.cofer@gcsu.edu) or see our website, [www.gcsu.edu/gcjournneys](http://www.gcsu.edu/gcjournneys).

## Congratulations!

**Department of Theatre and Dance**  
*2019 Cultural Award*, Macon Arts Alliance.

**Emmanuel Little, PhD, Director of the Call Me MISTER Program**, *African-American Male Initiative – Year 9*, University System of Georgia, \$15,000.

**Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness**, *Best Printed Report*, Southern Association for Institutional Research. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row the Office has won this award (previously called *Best Fact Book*).

**Sequena Moon, Program Manager, High Achievers Program**, *High Achievers Afterschool Program – Year 12*, Department of Human Services, \$170,000.

The **Georgia College Chemistry Club** received a rating of Outstanding from the American Chemical Society for the twelfth year in a row. Dr. Catrina Lisse is the faculty advisor.

## 25Live-Academic Affairs Update

The university is working diligently to implement the *25Live Schedule Optimizer* via several test runs the past four weeks. With each run, the results were sent to the academic units for feedback. Using feedback provided, adjustments were made as needed. The most recent test run employing the academic schedule Optimizer left only four classes not placed. We were able to achieve 83% utilization rate for the classes scheduled through *25Live* for Spring 2020.

We are continuing to address system technical issues as discovered in the “Events Reservation” area of *25Live*. On September 23rd, Facilities Reservations started accepting event reservation requests for 2020 (up to 365 days). We are fully utilizing the prioritization process, and continually wading through current requests in a timely manner. While the approval processes are moving along more efficiently, we are continuing to modify programming to work more smoothly across service task sectors. It is very important for all requestors to fully complete the request form, indicating definitively what resources are needed for each event venue requested. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact [facilityreservations@gcsu.edu](mailto:facilityreservations@gcsu.edu).

## Fall Graduate Research Grants-Extended Deadline

Due to the fall break, The Graduate School has extended the fall application deadline for Graduate Research Grants to Tuesday, October 22, 2019. Please encourage your graduate students to apply. Grants support the costs (conference fee, travel, and accommodations) associated with the *presentation* of their own original scholarship at professional academic conferences. The application may be found on The Graduate School website at <https://www.gcsu.edu/future-students/graduate/graduate-opportunities>.

### GC American Democracy Project

Through the efforts of the *GC American Democracy Project*, in affiliation with *Students Learn/Students Vote*, *The All In Democracy Challenge*, and *Voter Friendly Campus*, midterm election voting among GC students went from 13% (6% below the national student average) in 2014 to 41.2% (2% above the national average) in 2018. This represents an increase of 28%! GC's absentee ballot rate also increased by 15% and our registration rate is 84.6% compared to the national student rate of 73.3%. Dr. Janet Hoffmann has led this initiative.

### Grant Writing Training and Networking Event

The Office of Grants & Sponsored Projects is hosting a Grant Writing Training and Networking Event with Fort Valley State University and other local IHEs. If you would like to join for any or all of the event, please RSVP [here](#). All are welcome!

#### Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Agenda

10:45a Tour of GC Facilities and/or Networking Sessions  
12:00 Lunch in the Max  
1:00p Session #1 "Essentials of Competitive Proposals with an Eye on Funding Sponsors of Interest"  
2:45p Session #2 "The Portrait of Successful Collaborations"  
3:45p Wrap-up

For more information, contact the Office of Grants and Sponsored Projects at x 2754.

### Open Access Week

From October 21-27, 2019, Russell Library will celebrate Open Access Week. *Open Access* is a term used often in the scholarly world, meaning that research is distributed online free of costs and free to use in the digital environment. Frequently, the requirements for federal and other grants stipulate that published findings are "open" and free of barriers to access. Open Access Week is an opportunity to engage in research and grant activity. The theme for 2019 is "Open for Whom? Equity in Open Knowledge."

The library will offer several workshops of potential interest to faculty:

- October 21 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. -*OER Open Office Hours* – Stop by the library for personalized assistance locating OERs, open textbooks, library eBooks, and journal articles which can be used to create reading lists for your courses.
- October 22 – *Copyright in the Classroom Workshop* - Come out to consult with a copyright expert and to learn about USG Fair Use Guidelines.
- October 23 – *ORCID Presentation/Workshop* - Learn about ORCID, a unique identifier for linking your research and grants across institutions.

For more information, contact the Georgia College Scholarly Communication Librarian, Jenny Townes, at [jennifer.townes@gcsu.edu](mailto:jennifer.townes@gcsu.edu) or ext. 0991.