

**2024-2025 UNIVERSITY SENATE**  
**MINUTES FOR THE 20 SEP 2024 MEETING**  
*University Senate Officers: Presiding Officer Nicholas Creel,*  
*Presiding Officer Elect Stephanie Jett, Secretary Alex Blazer*

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>Members</b>	<b>P denotes Present</b>	<b>A denotes Absent</b>	<b>R denotes Regrets</b>
Andrew Allen-P	Kerry James Evans-A	Nadirah Mayweather-P	Will Smith-P
GeGee Arnold-P	Sayo Fakayode-P	Matthew Milnes-P	Rob Sumowski-P
Alex Blazer-P	Nancy Finney-P	Bekir Mugayitoglu-P	Amy Sumpter-P
Rodica Cazacu-P	Jennifer Flory-R	Joyce Norris-Taylor-P	John Swinton-P
Mikkel Christensen-P	Matthew Forrest-P	Amy Pinney-P	Natalie Toomey-R
Ashley Copeland-A	Brad Fowler-P	Frank Richardson-A	Winston Tripp-R
Corey Claxton-P	Hedy Fraunhofer-P	Holley Roberts-P	Amy Vander Groef-P
Cathy Cox-R	Bryan Hall-P	Suzanna Roman-Oliver-P	Erin Viscarra-P
Nicholas Creel-P	Axel Hawkins-A	Peter Rosado-R	Talecia Warren-P
Holly Croft-A	Sabrina Hom-P	Ezra Ryall-P	Benjamin Whittle-P
Donovan Domingue-A	Stephanie Jett-P	Lamonica Sanford-P	Aric Wilhau-P
Helen DuPree-P	Mehrnaz Khalaj Hedayati-P	Arnab Sengupta-P	
Josefina Endere-P	Adam Lamparello-A	Marshall Smith-P	
<b>Guests</b>	<b>Role on University Senate or Position at the University</b>		
Jim Berger	Director, Center for Teaching and Learning		
Kevin Bucholtz	Associate Provost for Student Engagement and Academic Excellence		
Amber Collins	Assistant Director for Employee Relations & Benefits Services and Director of Human Resources Designee to the 2024-2025 DEIPC		
Rhonda Griffin	Administrative Assistant of the Office of the Provost and Administrative Assistant of the 2024-2025 University Senate		
Mandy Jarriel	Interim Associate Provost of Academic Affairs & Director of The Graduate School		
Kim Muschaweck	Assistant Professor of Teacher Education and Parliamentarian of the 2024-2025 University Senate		

**CALL TO ORDER** Nicholas Creel, Presiding Officer of the 2024-2025 University Senate, called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA** A consent agenda was available as an item of business listed on the meeting agenda and read as follows.

1. **AGENDA/MINUTES**
  - a. University Senate Meeting Agenda (20 Sep 2024)
  - b. University Senate Meeting Minutes (26 Apr 2024)

A **MOTION** to adopt the consent agenda was approved by voice vote with no proposed extractions, no further discussion, no dissenting voice, and only voting members of the university senate eligible to vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** There was no unfinished business.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION 2425.CON.001.O REVISED SLATE OF NOMINEES AYE 2024/2025** On behalf of the committee, Nicholas Creel, ECUS Chair, presented the motion “To endorse the Revised Slate of Nominees for the 2024-2025 University Senate Officers and Committees as proposed in the supporting documents.”
  - a. **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS** Supporting documentation was available in the online motion database: <https://senate.gcsu.edu/motions/revised-slate-nominees-aye-20242025-09102024>
    - i. Summary of Revisions to Slate of Nominees
    - ii. Revised Slate of Nominees Spreadsheet
    - iii. Bylaws Compliance
    - iv. Revised Senate Representatives on University Committees
  - b. **CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION** Changes to the slate of nominees since 26 Apr 2024 include
    - i. **APC**
      1. *Hedy Fraunhofer* was elected to replace Lee Kirven as Elected Faculty Senator (2023-2026); *Hedy Fraunhofer* also serves on the Mandatory Fee Committee (2023-2025).
    - ii. **DEIPC**
      1. *India Jackson* was appointed Director of Admissions Designee.
      2. *Leah Smith* was appointed Student Government Association Appointee (A clarification was made by Stephanie Jett, SCoN Chair: Leah Smith, rather than Leah Kelly, was appointed).
    - iii. **ECUS**
      1. *Holley Roberts* was appointed Interim Provost.
    - iv. **FAPC**
      1. *Sabrina Hom* was elected to replace Huaiyu Wang as Elected Faculty Senator (2022-2025).
    - v. **RPIPC**
      1. *Charles Cruvey* was appointed Chief Human Resources Officer Designee.
      2. *Brian Watson* was appointed Chief Information Officer to replace Susan Kerr.
      3. *Serena Semere* was appointed Student Government Association Appointee.
    - vi. **SAPC**
      1. *Ashley Copeland* was appointed to replace Matt Davis as Presidential Appointee.
      2. *Axel Hawkins*, SGA President, was appointed Selected Student Senator.
      3. *Ezra Ryall* was appointed Selected Student Senator
      4. *TBA* was appointed SGA Appointee (A clarification was made by Stephanie Jett, SCoN Chair: Ezra Ryall was appointed Selected Student Senator rather than SGA Appointee).
  - c. **DISCUSSION** When Nicholas Creel called for questions and comments, none was forthcoming.
  - d. **SENATE ACTION**

- i. **Motion 2425.CON.001.O** was APPROVED by voice vote with no additional discussion and with no dissenting voice and university senators eligible to vote.

## **PRESIDENT’S REPORT — PRESIDENT CATHY COX**

1. **THANK YOU TO NEW LEADERSHIP IN PROVOST’S OFFICE** My thanks to Dr. Holley Roberts, Dr. Mandy Jarriel, and Dr. Kevin Bucholz – our leaders in the Office of the Provost – who all have stepped into new roles over the past 6-7 weeks, with little chance to prepare for what would be handed to them. There is a literal “buzz” in the hallway of the third floor of Parks Hall because of all the work they are doing to make sure that so much first-of-the-academic year work keeps moving forward, and I could not be prouder than to work with such a dedicated team as this one.
2. **UPDATES FROM THE SEPTEMBER BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING**
  - a. The Board of Regents met last week at the studios of the Georgia Film Academy in Fayetteville and hosted that evening the annual Regents’ Scholarship & Awards Gala, at which two of our Georgia College community members were honored.
  - b. Congratulations to Dr. Joe and Mrs. Patti Samprone, who were named recipients of the USG 2024 Regent’s Hall of Fame Alumni and Distinguished Friends Award. The Alumni and Distinguished Friends Award is given to an individual or couple known for championing academic excellence and access to higher education in Georgia.
  - c. We nominated the Samprones for their involvement with our campus for more than 40 years. As you know, Joe and Patti moved to Milledgeville when Joe became part of our faculty and ultimately earned the rank of emeritus professor of economics. Patti earned her MBA from Georgia College and went on as an alumna to co-chair our last capital campaign, helping to raise some \$50 million for the university. Joe also became our cross-country coach for 14 years, and he and Patti both poured their hearts and souls into supporting and traveling with hundreds of Joe’s students and student-athletes and continue to stay in contact with many of them years later.
  - d. As part of their lifetime commitment to the university, the Samprones started making charitable donations in 1989. They now sponsor eight of Georgia College’s flagship Presidential Scholarships, which include a stipend for study abroad. They also fund one of the university’s first endowed professorships for junior faculty members in the sciences, as well as endowed scholarships for first-generation students and for student-athletes in women’s basketball, volleyball and golf.
  - e. At the business meeting of the Board of Regents, the Board approved some clean-up language to policies that impact out-of-state tuition to reflect the Board’s newly added “out-of-country” tuition tier for USG institutions, which was previously adopted at its April meeting.
  - f. The Board also approved the final MRR funds (Major Repair & Rehabilitation Funds) to each USG institution for FY25. GCSU will receive \$1,875,00 (out of more than \$8 million on our running project list), which will cover Phase II of the replacement of the air handler and the roof for the Arts & Sciences building, and various upgrades to life safety systems across campus (emergency generator).

3. **US NEWS & WORLD REPORT RANKINGS** The annual US News & World Report rankings will be released on Tuesday morning of this coming week. I can't give you that information today because it is embargoed until then, but let me just say – the news is going to be good! 😊
4. **PERSONNEL**
  - a. Our new AVP of University Communications/Chief Communications Officer Mike Cavaliere will start on Oct. 1. He comes to Georgia College after a decade in Communications at Embry-Riddle University in Florida. He's excited about joining a liberal arts university campus, and he and his wife and daughter are all looking forward about the move into our area.
  - b. My thanks to Al Weston for taking over the Interim AVP position since last November, only a few months after he left Sports Information and joined the University Communications office. I am grateful for his willingness to take on the leadership of this department during this time.
5. **UNIVERSITY BUDGET FORUM** The FY 2026 University Budget Open Forum will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Pat Peterson Museum Education Room. As a part of our commitment to shared governance and transparent decision making, all campus community members are encouraged to participate. The deans from each of the colleges will present their funding priorities for the coming budget year. Following the deans, the vice presidents will present. This forum is open to the university community and provides an opportunity for understanding the funding needs across the university.
6. **OPEN ENROLLMENT**
  - a. USG Open Enrollment will be open to benefit-eligible employees October 28 – November 8, 2024. Enrollment in benefits for the 2025 plan year will take place via OneUSG. This year is considered an active open enrollment; all employees will be required to login and complete the certification of tobacco use and working spouse (if applicable). If employees do not login and take the required action during Open Enrollment, they will default to the status that results in a surcharge. This year, the respective surcharges will remain \$150 per month. Even if employees have zero interest in making any changes to their current coverage, it is vital that they login to complete their respective certification(s). The Office of Human Resources' Benefits Team will be available to assist employees with Open Enrollment questions in the Library, Room 302 on several different occasions throughout the two weeks of Open Enrollment; specific dates they will be available are listed below and the schedule will also be circulated via FrontPage as Open Enrollment approaches. Contact [benefits@gcsu.edu](mailto:benefits@gcsu.edu) for questions or more information.
  - b. At the August Board of Regents' meeting, the Regents approved health plans for the coming year that will increase employee premiums in 2024. A summary of the approved plan design changes and premiums are available on the [USG Benefits website](#) (see 2025 Board Approved Rates and Plan Design linked on the right side of the screen).
  - c. The Benefits Fair will take place in the Student Activities Center/Magnolia Ballroom on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM.
  - d. The Office of Human Resources' Benefits team will be available for Open Enrollment assistance in the Library, Room 302 on the following days:
    - i. Monday, 10/28: 11A-1P
    - ii. Thursday, 10/31: 9A-11P

- iii. Wednesday, 11/6: 3P-5P
  - iv. Friday, 11/8: Please contact [benefits@gcsu.edu](mailto:benefits@gcsu.edu) or call (478) 445-5596 to schedule an appointment with the Benefits Team in their office (Wooten-Garner House) on this date.
  - e. It is highly recommended that employees NOT wait until the last minute to complete their Open Enrollment elections. Often, the OneUSG system lags during the final days as there is a significant increase in web traffic across all 26 institutions in the USG, and wait times when calling the OneUSG Connect - Benefits Call Center (1-844-587-4236) are longer toward the end of Open Enrollment as well.
7. **ETHICS AWARENESS WEEK** Ethics Awareness Week is scheduled for November 4-10, 2024. The purpose of the week is to remind everyone in the university system of our shared ethical values and expectations to incorporate into our day-to-day decisions. Ms. Rhonda Fowler is coordinating various in-person and virtual activities for the week. The week's highlight will be a campus-wide shred event encouraging all departments to organize and purge their documents according to the USG Records Retention Schedule. Records Retention Liaisons representing 19 departments have been trained to provide direction for this event. The USG will host virtual presentations that include a Chancellor's Chat and an Ethics & Compliance Best Practice Panel. More details will be communicated in October.
8. **SAVE THE DATES**
- a. ***Fallfest (More than 400 registered --- Record High)***  
Saturday, September 21, 2024  
Front Campus  
<https://www.gcsu.edu/admissions/fallfest>
  - b. ***Family Weekend***  
September 27 – September 29, 2024  
<https://www.gcsu.edu/parent>
  - c. ***Benefits Fair***  
Wednesday, October 17, 2024  
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Magnolia Ballroom
  - d. ***Bobcat Bash (Reenvisioned Athletic Auction)***  
Friday, October 18, 2024  
6:00 – 8:00 PM  
Centennial Center
  - e. ***University Budget Forum***  
Wednesday, October 23, 2024  
9:00 a.m. – Noon  
Pat Peterson Museum Education Room
  - f. ***Faculty & Staff Fall Festival***  
Thursday, October 24, 2024  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Front Campus
  - g. ***Open Enrollment***  
October 28 – November 8, 2024
  - h. ***Ethics Awareness Week***  
November 4 – 10, 2024
  - i. ***Hanging of the Greens***

December 5, 2024

5:00 p.m.

Front Campus

j. ***Winter Commencement***

December 14, 2024

1:00 p.m.

Centennial Center

**PROVOST'S REPORT — PROVOST HOLLEY ROBERTS**

1. **OFFICE OF THE PROVOST STAFFING UPDATE**

- a. Dr. Holley M. Roberts, Interim Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
- b. Dr. Mandy Jarriel, Interim Associate Provost & Director of The Graduate School
- c. Dr. Kevin Bucholtz, Associate Provost for Student Engagement and Academic Excellence
- d. Dr. Lyndall Muschell, Coordinator of Curriculum and Faculty Affairs

2. **COLLEGES AND LIBRARY**

a. **COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

- i. **The Departments of Art, Music, Theatre & Dance, and Communication** will host *Artober* beginning Saturday, October 5 at Andalusia. This will be En Plein Air art event from 9am until 2pm with registrants painting in the open air in the morning and then having the chance to display their artwork at the Underwood House Gallery following the event. Other events for *Artober* will occur later in the month on main campus, such as October 30 when there will be hands-on demos, video screenings, live music, engaging displays, dance & theater performances and much more.
- ii. **Department Chair Searches** COAS will launch department chair searches this year in the Departments of English, Math, Communication, and Government & Sociology.
- iii. **New Music Practice Facility** Construction of the new music practice facility to be built on the northeast corner of Montgomery and Wayne Streets has begun. It will provide space for both instrumental and choral practices, as well as storage and equipment space.
- iv. **Herty Hall Renovation** Meetings are still occurring on the Herty Hall renovation plans.

b. **COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY**

- i. **Fouts Internship Visit** Students and faculty are on a Fouts Internship Visit on Sept. 20. Fouts Brothers are in need of interns, and COBT will be regularly scheduling visits.
- ii. **Business Executive in Residence** Barry Wolfe (JD, MBA) will be our first Business Executive in Residence: October 21-24
- iii. **Advertising Campaign** COBT is launching a graduate MLSCM & MBA advertising campaign
- iv. **Double Bobcat Program** September 24 is an information session for the Master of Logistics & Supply Chain Management Double Bobcat program
- v. **The Annual Accounting Career Fair** was held Sept. 11 with 34 firms, 100+ students

- vi. **The Annual Governmental and NFP Accounting Career Fair** was held Sept. 16.
- vii. **An Accounting Outreach Event** (“Be Audit You Can Be”) will be on October 9, on the Front Lawn. 16 Company Sponsors. Last year’s attendance was 150+.
- viii. **Dr. Brooke Conaway** is the new 2024-2025 President of the Academy of Economics and Finance.
- ix. **Center for Economic Education**
  - 1. The Center for Economic Education celebrated its 40th anniversary on June 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - 2. The Center for Economic Education hosted the Minority Youth and Business Program. 12 rising high school juniors and seniors spent the week of June 16<sup>th</sup> on campus learning about rural entrepreneurship. Participants capped their week with a business plan presentation judged by GC alum and donors to the Program.
- x. **Dr. Jehan El-Jourbagy** was recently selected as the new Executive Secretary of the Academy of Legal Studies.
- c. **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**
  - i. **Special Education Program** Implementation of Paraprofessional to Teacher Certification (anticipated started date of summer 2025)
  - ii. **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Collegiate Middle Level Association Summit** Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> with keynote speaker Justice Verda Colvin (Georgia Supreme Court). Planned and hosted by GCSU’s CMLA chapter.
- d. **COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES**
  - i. **National Accreditation** Developing a self-study for the BS in Public Health to be nationally accredited.
  - ii. **The Mobile Health Unit** is on site and in the final stages for the wrap design and hope to have it operational by October 1st.
  - iii. **The Center for Health and Social Issues** has 8 community-based interventions and screenings set up via from now until the end of the calendar year.
- e. **UNIVERSITY LIBRARY**
  - i. **Affordable Learning Georgia**, an initiative of the University System of Georgia focused on providing affordable course materials, recently released a Request for Proposals for Affordable Materials Grants. Grant amounts range from \$10,000 to \$30,000. Interested faculty should submit their intent to apply to the Office of Grants and Sponsored Projects (OGSP) by October 1. Completed applications are due by October 28, 2024, and must be submitted through the OGSP. For more information, visit <https://libguides.gcsu.edu/oer>.
- 3. **SCHOOLS AND HONORS COLLEGE**
  - a. **THE GRADUATE SCHOOL**
    - i. **Graduate Admissions** (relocated to Parks Hall Room 108)
      - 1. As of September 18, 2024, Graduate Admissions has received 107 graduate admissions applications for spring 2025.
      - 2. The Graduate Admissions office is offering a workshop on Slate to graduate coordinators, program directors, and administrative assistants. The training is offered both in-person and virtually. So far, 30 registrations have been received from various departments.

3. The Graduate Admissions office will launch its fall application fee waiver campaign, October 17 – November 1, 2024. The fee waiver will be available for all graduate programs.
  4. As of August 30, 2024, Graduate Admissions has terminated its contract with Anthology for Radius (CRM) and is now fully utilizing Slate for graduate admissions processing.
- ii. **Graduate Student Research**
    1. The Graduate School is accepting applications for the fall 2024 cycle of Graduate Research Travel Grants. The application can be found on the Graduate Opportunities web page. The deadline to submit an application is October 15, 2024.
  - iii. **Graduate Recruitment Opportunities**
    1. The Graduate School will table and represent the School of Continuing & Professional Studies at the 2024 SHRM Georgia State Annual Conference & Exposition, September 25 – 27.
    2. The Graduate School will table at the GCSU Fall 2024 Career & Graduate School Fair on October 2.
- b. **HONORS COLLEGE AND NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS**
- i. **Nadya Gutierrez** (\*22, Environmental Science), a graduate of the Honors College, has earned a [Quad Fellowship](#). Sponsored by the governments of the Australia, India, Japan, and the United States, the Quad Fellowship that is designed to build ties among young scientists. Previously, Nadya earned the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship, which financed an internship with NOAA. At present, Nadya is pursuing her Ph.D. in Earth and Marine Sciences at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill’s Institute of Marine Sciences.
  - ii. **Honors Convocation**, at which new Honors students are inducted into the Eta Sigma Alpha Honors student association, will be held on Sunday, Sept. 29 at 1:00 p.m. in the Arts & Sciences Auditorium. Faculty are invited to attend and to confirm in their regalia at the start of the ceremony and at its conclusion. [Please register via the embedded link.](#)
  - iii. **The 2024-2025 Legends of Honors Series** – our Zoom-based programs for students, alumni, and friends of the Honors College – kicks off on Wed., Sept. 25 at 6:00 p.m., when Dr. Sunita Manian will present “I thought I was the only boy who liked boys’: Experiences of Queer Youth in India.” Please register via [the embedded link.](#)
- c. **SCHOOL OF CONTINUING AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES**
- i. **Academic Outreach** is collaborating with the GCSU Aquatic Sciences Center to provide Water Education Week October 16 – 19. Water Education Day is Saturday, October 19 from 12-3p.m. on campus. Activities will include movie night, stream cleanup, Georgia Adopt-a-Stream Trainings, stream monitoring, and more! Watch Frontpage for monthly reminders about volunteering for stream quality monitoring in three Milledgeville streams (GCSU Thirst for Knowledge Programs).
  - ii. **Afterschool Achievement** is seeking to partner with the College of Business & Technology, the College of Education, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the College of Health Sciences to support GCSU service-learning students and to provide supplemental programs to youth during



afterschool times, 3:30-6:30 pm. If you are interested in partnering, please contact Sequena Stanton, Director of Afterschool Achievement at 478.445.5613. [Afterschool Achievement](#)

1. **High Achievers Program** Coordinator, Kenneth Daniels, is soliciting support for guest speakers in the HAP speaker series beginning August and to provide supplemental activities for the High Achievers Program. [High Achievers Newsletter](#). To sign up as a guest speaker for the High Achievers Program, please email Program Coordinator, Mr. Kenneth Daniels at [kenneth.daniels@gcsu.edu](mailto:kenneth.daniels@gcsu.edu) or contact Mr. Daniels at 478.445.8509.
  2. **The YES Program** at LVA and the BOE partnered with the Sandra Dunagan Deal Center for Early Language and Literacy at Georgia College to provide professional development to elementary teachers using the University of Florida Literacy Institute Curriculum for the purpose of improving the literacy rate for youth in Baldwin County. For more information about the YES program, please contact Sequena Stanton at 478.445.5613. [LVA newsletter](#), [OHMS newsletter](#).
- iii. **Communities in Schools Milledgeville Baldwin County** continues to offer teacher giveaway drawings each month at all of the schools. Bags of school supplies were packed by pre-education majors on GC Gives Day. CIS partnered with Alpha Gamma Delta to provide food bags for students who are food insecure at Midway Hills Primary and Midway Hills Academy.
1. CIS has a steady influx of GC student volunteers (The GIVE center, GIVES Day, and Dr. Kaninjing classes) that have been placed in all of the schools.
  2. Tutoring services and activities have started at the Early Learning Center, Lakeview Academy, Midway Hills Academy, Oak Hill Middle School, Baldwin High School, and Georgia College Early College (High School Only).
- iv. **Continuing & Professional Education**
1. **Summer Camp Season** was our most successful since pre-pandemic! With the help of MANY campus partners, we were able to bring over \$733,000 in revenue to campus and provided an enriching and fun experience to campers of all ages!
    - a. Increase in # of camps: 5%
    - b. Increase in # of campers: 8%
    - c. Increase in revenue to campus partners: 57%
    - d. Increase in net revenue to CPE: 31%
  2. Upcoming CPE Events
    - a. [Mini Milly's](#) - Saturday's 9-9:30 am
    - b. [Yoga](#) - Tuesday's 6-7 pm
    - c. [Adult Beginner Ballet](#) - Wednesday's 6-7:15 pm
    - d. [Leadership & Management Academy](#) at Forsyth County 9/30-10/4
    - e. Coming soon: Swim lessons, Travel programs, Workshop/Conference Registration & Logistical

Assistance, Georgia Collegiate Honors Council Fall Retreat - 9/27, International Dyslexia Association - GA Chapter conference - 9/28, USG Grantsmanship Workshop -10/24-10/25, Rome & the Amalfi Coast (Dec. 5 – Dec. 14, 2025)- [Registration is open](#)

v. **Historic Museums**

1. Tuesday, September 17 – *All Hail Music on the Trail* – The Department of Music will be hosting a concert and guest speaker at the Mansion to explore the intersections between music, democracy, and the election of 1840.

vi. **Events** The School of Continuing & Professional Studies is hosting several events this fall that are open to the community. Come join us to network and advance your knowledge.

1. Lauren Easom will present *Connect with the Career Center* on Thursday, September 19 for the Chamber of Commerce Education series.
2. [Register for the fall lunch and learn](#) series that is focused on strategic communication and marketing strategies. The Lunch and Learn webinars are every Thursday at 12 p.m. via Zoom.
3. [R.S.V.P.](#) for *Eminem's "Lose Yourself" As Campaign Anthem* lecture given by Dr. Dana Gorzelany-Mostak on Wednesday, October 2 at 5:30 in Arts & Sciences Auditorium
4. [R.S.V.P](#) for *Fact-Checking Workshop* by Dr. Jolene Cole on Wednesday, October 9 at 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in Arts & Sciences 2-70.
5. [R.S.V.P](#) for Financial Planning with Brent Evans on Wednesday, October 9 at 12 p.m. in Pat Peterson Museum Education Room.

4. **OFFICES AND PROGRAMS**

a. **ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT**

- i. **The Office of Admissions** received over 8,200 applications from first-year students for the fall 2024 term. GCSU welcomed 1,800 freshmen this fall, the second largest and most academically prepared freshman class since our institution was designated as Georgia's Public Liberal Arts University in 1996.
  1. The fall 2025 freshmen application is open, and we plan to release early action decisions in mid-November.
- ii. **Midterm Grades for all Core IMPACTS** courses are due on Wednesday, October 9 by 9 a.m. The Registrar's Office will email grade entry instructions to all faculty prior to the deadline. Faculty are strongly encouraged to enter midterm grades for all courses, as this gives students, families, and academic advisors a more complete picture of student performance and the ability to plan focused interventions to improve student success.
- iii. **The GCSU Financial Aid Office** will assist the Secretary of State's Office to host a Money Talks Financial Literacy Program here at GCSU for our students. There will be a guest panel of 5 experienced professionals who will discuss topics such as budgeting, saving, investing and many more relatable topics. This event will be on Wednesday, October 9 in the Arts & Sciences Auditorium from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 1

- to 2:30 p.m. Students will need to register to attend this event, and advertisements are readily accessible on the GCSU campus.
- iv. **The Council of Student Ambassadors** inducted 28 new members on September 9. The Enrollment Management Team is grateful to have this strong student group to support their recruitment efforts, particularly as they prepare for *Fallfest* on Saturday, September 21.
  - v. **The Office of New Student Programs** recently welcomed two part-time interns, Hagan Vinson (Sophomore) and Sairsha Connor (Junior). Hagan will serve as the Intern for Event Management & Logistics and Sairsha as the Intern for Strategic Marketing & Communication.
  - vi. **Fallfest**, GCSU's fall preview day for high school seniors, will be held on Saturday, September 21. This event will allow prospective students to engage with campus, learn about the admissions process, and explore academic opportunities. We are expecting record attendance numbers for *Fallfest* this year.
  - vii. **The Office of Student Success and Career Development** will continue their Student Success and Retention Series with Student Success for Generation Z on September 26, 2024, at noon in the Pat Peterson Museum Education Room.
  - viii. **The Career and Graduate School Fair** will be held on October 2, 2024, from 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in the Centennial Center.
- b. **THE MONTESSORI ACADEMY**
- i. Current student enrollment – 96
  - ii. Grandparents' Lunch September 20<sup>th</sup>
  - iii. Collaboration with Deal Center for September special reader, Mr. Eames (Retired Georgia Librarian)
  - iv. Hosting 40 student Observers from the Department of Psychological Science. (Intro to Human Development). Hosting 10 Psychological science majors with Dr. Chiang's Empathy Study beginning this month. Hosting 2 music therapy majors this semester and Hosting GC nursing students.
- c. **OFFICE OF GRANTS & SPONSORED PROJECTS**
- i. **Grant** Congratulations to all on the following grant: *Collaborative Research: EPIIC: Fostering Unity and Teamwork for Rural Excellence (FUTURE)*, National Science Foundation, \$399,904  
Principal Investigator Hasitha Mahabaduge, PhD, Department of Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy - College of Arts and Sciences, CoPrincipal Investigator Nicholas Creel, PhD, JD, Department of Accounting and Business Law – College of Business and Technology, Co-Principal Investigator Sayo Fakayode, PhD, Chair of the Department of Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy - College of Arts and Sciences
  - ii. **Research & Development Seed Grant** The Office of the Provost & Academic Affairs is pleased to unveil the Research & Development Seed Grant. This funding (university-wide up to \$150,000 per year) aims to enhance GCSU's research capacity and provide essential resources to leverage faculty pursuing larger grants. Deadlines and Submission
    1. Proposal Submission Deadline: [Continuous Submission]

2. Review Process: [OGSP in conjunction with Department Chair and College Dean will make recommendation to the Office of Provost and Academic Affairs for award]
3. Notification of Awards: [The Office of Provost and Academic Affairs will announce awarded proposals]

For any questions or additional information, please contact the Director of the Office of Grants and Sponsored Project, Grants@gcsu.edu; Phone: 478-445-2754.

d. **STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

- i. **Dr. Kevin Bucholtz** presented the *GC Journeys* Program at the Louisiana Board of Regents, invited by Dr. Tristan Denley– *Work based Learning Experiences* Workshop at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.
- ii. **GC Journeys** Finalizing Assessment data with Institutional Research to identify 2024 Graduates who completed the *GC Journeys* Program.

e. **LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

- i. **TEDxGeorgiaCollege** will be hosted Friday, Oct. 18, in Russell Auditorium. TEDxGeorgiaCollege will feature nine distinguished speakers and performers who will deliver talks on the latest ideas and research. Each talk will be broadcast internationally and shared through TED’s global network, showcasing for the international TED community the unique voices, stories and ideas that make Georgia College special. Learn more and purchase tickets at [tedxgeorgiacollege.com](http://tedxgeorgiacollege.com).
- ii. **The GCSU Leadership Academy** enrolled its largest and most geographically diverse class yet, with some 255 first-year students. The Georgia College Leadership Academy is an eight-month program for first-year students.
- iii. **Georgia Education Mentorship Program** In partnership with the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, GCSU Leadership Programs has admitted the thirtieth class of the Georgia Education Mentorship Program (GEM). A one-of-a-kind partnership between GCSU and the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, the GEM Program prepares the next generation of Georgia's leaders for the public good. A mentorship and leadership program, GEM matches students with senior state leaders for a yearlong partnership that creates mutual benefit between Georgia College and its partners.

f. **INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION**

i. **Study Abroad**

1. The annual Study Abroad Opportunities Fair will be held on Front Campus, Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am until 2:00. In addition to promoting GCSU’s great faculty-led programs, representatives from exchange partner institutions, plus specialized third-party and internships providers, will be in attendance.
2. The Study Abroad program already has in excess of 70 applications. Last year, 223 students studied abroad in 22 nations, so already 30% of the way there.

ii. **International Students**

1. Transitioning to a new digital marketing platform with a steep learning curve, GCSU welcomed nineteen new international

students this Fall from twelve nations. Several deferred until another semester for visa processing or other reasons.

2. State Department has again sent students (Five), this time from Egypt, Guatemala, Kyrgyzstan, Montenegro, and Pakistan.
3. Word has just been received that State will be sending several more students in – unusually –the Spring.
4. Current Fall population is slightly down due to graduations and deferments, but again shows great diversity with twenty-four separate nations.

iii. **International Club**

1. The International Club has already met several times this year with good attendance at close to one hundred. The Club has sponsored several very popular and well-attended events such as bowling and roller-skating, and has an overnight trip to Savannah scheduled.

g. **MENTORED UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ENDEAVORS**

- i. **New Director** Starting August 1, Dr. Tsu-Ming Chiang, assumed the role of MURACE director.
- ii. **Coordinator Search** Currently searching for a MURACE coordinator to help MURACE's operations particularly in student travel and Research Day.
- iii. **The new MURACE web page** is launched. MURACE D2L Course with three certificates launched to help guide student researchers and faculty mentors for Student Travel Application – with data analytics expected.
- iv. **Georgia Undergraduate Research Conference (GURC)** November 8-9 at Emory Oxford. Abstracts are due September 29<sup>th</sup>. MURACE will be covering 100% of the travel.
- v. **National Conference on Undergraduate Research.** April 7-9 Pittsburgh, PA. Abstracts are due December 6, 2024. COPLAC Southeast Regional Undergraduate Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activity Conference April 11-12 University of Virginia's College at Wise.
- vi. **Research Day 2025** is April 16, 2025.

5. **CENTERS AND INSTITUTES**

a. **SANDRA DUNAGAN DEAL CENTER FOR EARLY LANGUAGE AND LITERACY**

- i. **2024 Annual Governor's Summit**
  1. The Deal Center hosted the 2024 Governor's Summit with the theme of the "Brain-Building Network."
  2. 5 multi-disciplinary keynote presentations, 8 breakout presentations, a panel discussion, several lightning talks, a strategy session, and a traveling tail trail experience.
  3. The summit boasted 168 daytime attendees and 126 gala attendees with \$22,000 in donations and sponsorships were obtained to support our work.
- ii. **Governing Board** President Cox appointed Dr. Joanne Previts, Interim Dean of Education, to the Deal Center's Governing Board.
- iii. **Literacy Council** On August 26, 2024 the Deal Center hosted the quarterly meeting of the Georgia Council on Literacy at GCSU.
- iv. **Georgia Early Literacy Act** Reporting from state agencies regarding progress toward implementation of the Georgia Early Literacy Act.
- v. **Georgia Universal Literacy Screener Selection**

1. Senate bill 464 was signed into law by Governor Kemp earlier this year. The bill requires that the State Board of Education approve a list of no more than five universal reading screeners, with one made available free of charge, for schools to administer per the requirements of HB 538.
  2. The Deal Center was selected to lead the screener review and recommendation process and has curated a highly qualified group of educators, clinicians, and other advocates to conduct the review and provide recommendations to the SBOE and the Georgia Council on Literacy by December 2024.
- vi. **Volunteer Reader Training** At the request of the Literacy Alliance, a nonprofit working to improve family literacy across Muscogee County, the Deal Center provided a Volunteer READER Training in September to individuals to serve as "reading buddies" in local preschool programs.
  - vii. **Publication** Along with colleagues from Emory University, Dr. Morgan published 'Attitudes About Inclusive Preschool Education Among Parents of Children Without Disability: Generalized Social Justice Orientation and Specific Inclusive Concerns" in *Topics in Early Childhood Special Education*.
- b. **CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING**
- i. **Peer Feedback on Teaching (PFoT)** For Fall 2024, PFoTs are offered from September 9 through October 4 and again from October 21 through November 15 for in-person and synchronous online courses. If interested in scheduling a PFoT, please contact the Center for Teaching and Learning.
  - ii. **Liberal Arts in the Profession and Individual Wellbeing** We continue to provide workshops as part of our series Liberal Arts in the Profession and Individual Wellbeing. You can register for each of the workshops by visiting our [Registration Link](#).
    1. Teamwork – Collaborative Excellence: Enhancing Teamwork through Liberal Arts - September 18, 2024 @1:00p.m.
    2. Critical Thinking – Navigating the Liberal Arts Landscape - October 3 @ 1 p.m.
    3. Liberal Arts at the Intersection: A Roadmap for Creative Problem-Solving - October 16 @ 2:00 p.m.
    4. Communication - Charting Your Course - October 31, 2024 @ 11:00 a.m.
    5. Roadmap Wrap-Up – November 11, 2024 @ 1:00 p.m.
- c. **FLANNERY O'CONNOR INSTITUTE FOR THE HUMANITIES**
- i. **New Name** Formerly the Andalusia Institute, we are now the Flannery O'Connor Institute for the Humanities. This name change signals a broadening of our mission and allows us to connect literary studies to interdisciplinary inquiry on the GCSU campus.
  - ii. **Laidlaw Fellow** In July, we brought the first Laidlaw Fellow to campus, Alex Taylor, to use the archives in Special Collections.
  - iii. **Southern Gothic Lecture Series** In March of 2025 we will host our inaugural Southern Gothic Lecture series, with two lectures focused on the Eco-Gothic.

- iv. **Flannery O'Connor's Second Century: Looking Forward, Looking Back** September 12-15, with the help of a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, we hosted a major scholarly and creative writing conference entitled “Flannery O'Connor's Second Century: Looking Forward, Looking Back.” Over 200 attendees.
  - v. **National Endowment for the Humanities Oral History Grant** The FOIH is excited about the National Endowment for the Humanities Oral History Grant that is in process under the direction of historian Stephanie Opperman.
  - vi. **Writing for Success** A panel on Writing for Success shared the results of our U.S. Department of Education Grant for working with school children on literature, which is now wrapping up. We created pedagogy packets for teachers, and conducted podcast training for students, and will finalize this grant with a ceremony and donations of podcasting equipment to our community partners this fall.
  - vii. **Lecture Series and Book Club** We continue to host a monthly Zoom lecture series and a monthly book club, both on-line and at the Georgia Writers Museum in Eatonton, GA. Stay tuned for a November 5 Zoom talk.
- d. **THE LEARNING CENTER**
- i. **Visits** up 45% compared to Fall '23, Students up 20%, over 1300 visits thus far; 55 SI leaders serving over 3,300 students enrolled in those courses/sections.
  - ii. **Math Preparedness** Math lab visits up 62% (over 1500 visits in FOUR weeks) and students up 48%, Excel Bootcamps have already served 516 students, Algebra Skills workshops have had 191 student participants.
  - iii. **Recertification** The Learning Center is up for CRLA (College Reading and Learning Association) Master Level 3 Recertification due late October.
  - iv. **USG STEM Grant** We submitted an RFP for USG STEM grant and are awaiting decision.
6. **QUESTIONS** Provost Roberts invited questions from the floor.
- a. **Question** CoAS does not yet know what faculty development funds will be. Does that indicate a change in the process?  
**Response** (a distillation – not a transcript – of the responses provided orally by Provost Roberts) There is no change in the process; the deans received funding information yesterday. The Provost’s Office is restoring travel cuts from last year and one half of the operations cuts from last year.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE (APC)** — **ANDREW ALLEN, CHAIR**  
*Officers: Chair Andrew Allen, Vice-Chair John Swinton, Secretary Donovan Domingue*
- a. **AI USAGE GUIDANCE PROPOSAL** The Academic Policy Committee invited Dr. Jeannie Pridmore, chair of the Artificial Intelligence Taskforce, to our meeting to discuss the taskforce’s proposed guidance to faculty on student use of artificial intelligence. While the committee ultimately decided to table the guidance, the discussion yielded a fruitful conversation in which the Academic Policy Committee suggested that the AI Taskforce begin a listening campaign at

individual college and department meetings as they begin to assemble an AI-usage handbook that, the committee hopes, will more holistically address faculty concerns and student rights.

2. **DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION POLICY COMMITTEE (DEIPC)** — **COREY CLAXTON, CHAIR**

*Officers: Chair Corey Claxton, Vice-Chair Nadirah Mayweather, Secretary India Jackson*

- a. **GENERAL INFORMATION** DEIPC officers met last week to confirm dates and the meeting location.

3. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNIVERSITY SENATE (ECUS)** — **NICHOLAS CREEL, CHAIR**

*Officers: Chair Nicholas Creel, Vice-Chair Stephanie Jett, Secretary Alex Blazer*

- a. **AI POLICY** I forwarded the AI Task Force document to APC for their review upon Provost Spirou's request and we discussed that this might be something we need to educate faculty on, not just a policy issue.
- b. **PARKING CONCERNS** Many students, faculty and staff have been complaining about parking, as usual. We are in the midst of a Master Plan review of parking on campus and hope to see Fall 2025 be a much better experience as parking and transportation are given a thorough external evaluation and rethinking.
- c. **RETENTION** I am asking members of Senate to study our university's turnover issues, relating to faculty, staff and administration. We may not be able to fix any issues causing this, but I'd like to better understand it.
- d. **DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS** Some faculty have expressed concern over student disability accommodations. We think it would be good to have the folks who run this to come to college meetings to explain to faculty more about this process.
- e. **TITLE IX SYLLABUS STATEMENT** We think that, with a formal Title IX office now in place, we might be wise to adopt a Title 9 syllabus statement.

4. **SUBCOMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS (SCON)** — **STEPHANIE JETT, CHAIR**

*Officers: Chair Stephanie Jett, Secretary Alex Blazer*

- a. **REVISED SLATE OF NOMINEES** Changes to the slate of nominees since 26 Apr 2024 include
  - i. **APC**
    1. *Hedy Fraunhofer* was elected to replace Lee Kirven as Elected Faculty Senator (2023-2026); *Hedy Fraunhofer* also serves on the Mandatory Fee Committee (2023-2025).
  - ii. **DEIPC**
    1. *India Jackson* was appointed Director of Admissions Designee.
    2. *Leah Smith* was appointed Student Government Association Appointee (A clarification was made by Stephanie Jett, SCoN Chair: Leah Smith, rather than Leah Kelly, was appointed).
  - iii. **ECUS**
    1. *Holley Roberts* was appointed Interim Provost.
  - iv. **FAPC**
    1. *Sabrina Hom* was elected to replace Huaiyu Wang as Elected Faculty Senator (2022-2025).
  - v. **RPIPC**
    1. *Charles Cruvey* was appointed Chief Human Resources Officer Designee.



2. *Brian Watson* was appointed Chief Information Officer to replace Susan Kerr.
  3. *Serena Semere* was appointed Student Government Association Appointee.
- vi. **SAPC**
1. *Ashley Copeland* was appointed to replace Matt Davis as Presidential Appointee.
  2. *Axel Hawkins*, SGA President, was appointed Selected Student Senator.
  3. *Ezra Ryall* was appointed Selected Student Senator
  4. *TBA* was appointed SGA Appointee (A clarification was made by Stephanie Jett, SCoN Chair: Ezra Ryall was appointed Selected Student Senator rather than SGA Appointee).
5. **FACULTY AFFAIRS POLICY COMMITTEE (FAPC) — AMY SUMPTER, VICE-CHAIR**  
*Officers: Chair Jennifer Flory, Vice-Chair Amy Sumpter, Secretary Chad Whittle*
- a. **GENERAL INFORMATION** Our September agenda, minutes from the April meeting, and our 2024-2025 Operating Procedures were all approved.
  - b. **FACULTY EMERITUS POLICY**
    - i. Policy as updated in the Policies, Procedures and Practices Manual, February 19, 2024, to reflect the most recent approved FAPC motion from 2020-2021: Required submission of the “Recommendation for Award of Emeritus/Emerita Status” form 30 days before retirement to 30 days into the following semester.
    - ii. 2023-2024 FAPC Review: Recommended removing the “Implementation of the Emeritus/Emerita Policy” section and the 30-day timeframe.
    - iii. September 6 FAPC Meeting: We passed a motion to remove the section and timeframe.
    - iv. Subsequent ECUS-SCC meeting, Provost’s Concern: Having no timeframe could lead to applications being submitted long after retirement, making it difficult to remember the applicant’s service.
    - v. ECUS-SCC Discussion: Agreed on a one-year timeframe.
    - vi. Revised Motion: Flory revised the motion to reflect the one-year timeframe and sent it to FAPC for a vote. No quorum for the electronic vote; FAPC will address this at the next meeting.
  - c. **SRIS AND ANNUAL EVALUATION POLICIES**
    - i. “GCSU values learner-centered teaching, and it believes that effective assessment of teaching is entwined with assessment of learning. Therefore, the institution maintains that effective assessment must go beyond opinions collected from the SRIS. Seeking continuous improvement, every instructor at GCSU assesses teaching and learning in their classes with at least one instrument or measure. These assessments are in addition to the administration of the Student Opinion Survey.”
    - ii. Discussion: Since the policy specifies that instructors should use at least one additional instrument or measure to evaluate teaching effectiveness, FAPC would like to add a link in both policies to a list of viable, effective methods for evaluating teaching effectiveness that will reside on the CTL website.

- iii. Actions Taken: Suzanna Roman-Oliver has been in touch with Cynthia Alby and Jim Berger and is working on making the list and finding a place for it online.
- d. **FACULTY COMPENSATION POLICIES** FAPC plans to gather data and put together a study of faculty compensation to review for equity and consistency across departments and colleges.
  - i. Focus Areas:
    - 1. Part-Time Faculty Salaries
    - 2. Program Coordinator Compensation
    - 3. Overload Policies and Compensation
  - ii. Details to Include:
    - 1. Definition of a program
    - 2. Definition of a coordinator
    - 3. Coordinator duties
    - 4. Amount of administrative support
    - 5. Historical data for positions that have lost funding
    - 6. Impact of overloads on tenure and promotion decisions
- e. **PROFESSIONAL LEAVE POLICY** FAPC plans to
  - i. Review the policy and recent practice.
  - ii. Consult Academic Affairs to find out how many leaves they can fund each year and if there are any allocation guidelines for colleges.
  - iii. Encourage departments to develop their own prioritization policies to ensure fair and transparent decision-making.

6. **RESOURCES, PLANNING, AND INSTITUTIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE (RPIPC) — BRAD FOWLER, CHAIR**

*Officers: Chair Brad Fowler, Vice-Chair Mikkel Christensen, Secretary Natalie Toomey*

- a. **SOLAR POWER** Lori Hamilton was an invited guest speaker at our meeting. She gave an overview of history of campus solar initiatives. She updated the committee on the condition of the solar panel on West Campus and the panels on the roof of Herty Hall. Lori informed the committee of potential future initiatives that the university could look into, such as solar parking canopies for GCSU parking lots. The committee is going to invited either Frank Baugh, Rene Parker, or both to the next meeting to gather more information on possible solar initiatives for the campus.
- b. **ACCESSIBILITY PARKING** The committee discussed the state of accessibility parking on main campus. Brad Fowler relayed discussions that RPIPC had in 2022 about ADA parking. The 2022 committee had Frank Baugh and Shea Groebner speak about ADA parking on campus. The committee is going to wait until the parking master plan is completed before continuing further work with this item.
- c. **CAMPUS MASTER PLAN** The committee is going to reach out to Frank Baugh to request a briefing on the results of the campus master plan.
- d. **PRINTER HARDWARE MANAGEMENT** Charles Cruey brought the subject of campus printers to the committee. We discussed the overall costs of printer supplies when all department order supplies at retail prices. Charles and Brian Watson discussed the potential for GCSU to manage a campus copier lease that would provide printing services to all buildings and departments on a campus level. This may allow the university to negotiate better prices for maintenance and supplies.

7. **STUDENT AFFAIRS POLICY COMMITTEE (SAPC) — AMY PINNEY, CHAIR**  
*Officers: Chair Amy Pinney, Vice-Chair Amelia Malcom, Secretary Bryan Hall*
  - a. **LISTENING TOUR** We assessed current goals of the committee and we are going on a listening tour.
    - i. The workload for SAPC has been pretty light the last few years. We're going to meet directly with students to find out, face to face, what their concerns are.
    - ii. The October 4<sup>th</sup> SAPC meeting will take place at the SGA meeting, in The Dogwood Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Student Activities Center.
    - iii. The November 1<sup>st</sup> SAPC meeting will be held at the HUB.
    - iv. During the meeting, I asked folks for suggestions of other groups we should meet with – suggestions included The Wellness Center, Student workers, Greek life, and Housing.
    - v. The committee voted all in favor of the listening tour.
  - b. **NEXT STEPS** We discussed our to-do list before the next meeting: Each committee member was asked to talk to students and find out what the major concerns are this semester.
8. **STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA) — AXEL HAWKINS, PRESIDENT**  
*Officers: President Axel Hawkins, Vice President Leah Kelly, Secretary Charlotte Middlebrooks, Treasurer Serena Myrvold*
  - a. **NO REPORT** As SGA President Axel Hawkins was absent, there was no SGA Report.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. **UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE (UCC) UPDATE — ANGEL ABNEY, CHAIR**
  - a. **UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE August 30, 2024**
    - i. **Election of Officers**
      1. **Chair** – Angel Abney
      2. **Vice Chair** – Kristine White
      3. **Secretary** – Alex Berglund
    - ii. **Revision of Operating Procedures**
      1. Changed “Communicate via the [ucc@gcsu.edu](mailto:ucc@gcsu.edu)” to “Communicate using a common email list.”
      2. Accept the Operating Procedures (revised August 30, 2024) for use during the 2024-2025 academic year.
      3. Accept the Bylaws (revised December 2023) to be used during the 2024-2025 academic year.
    - iii. **Information Items**
      1. **College of Arts and Sciences**
        - a. **New Course Proposals**
          - i. CHEM 2255 Sophomore Industrial Chemistry Internship
          - ii. CHEM 4455 Industrial Chemistry Principles
          - iii. CHEM 4456 Applied Industrial Chemistry
          - iv. BIOL 4415 Biology of Reproduction
          - v. SPAN 1110 Accelerated Introduction to Spanish Language and Culture
          - vi. RELI 4225 Living Deliciously

- vii. ENSC 4910 Capstone Origins: Sci Views
- b. Modification of Existing Courses**
  - i. DANC 4950 Ballroom Dance – Change in credit hours, 1 to 2 hours
  - ii. DANC 1150 Modern Dance I – Change in credit hours, 1 to 2 hours
  - iii. DANC 1600 Musical Theater Dance – Change in credit hours, 1 to 2 hours
  - iv. DANC 1400 Jazz Dance – Change in credit hours, 1 to 2 hours
  - v. DANC 1100 Ballet I – Change in credit hours, 1 to 2 hours
  - vi. DANC 1300 Tap Dance – Change in credit hours, 1 to 2 hours
  - vii. DANC 2100 Ballet II – Change in credit hours, 1 to 2 hours
  - viii. DANC 3150 Modern Dance Workshop – Change in credit hours, 1 to 2 hours
  - ix. DANC 3100 Ballet Workshop – Change in credit hours, 1 to 2 hours
  - x. DANC 2150 Modern Dance II – Change in credit hours, 1 to 2 hours
  - xi. DANC 1500 Dance Improvisation – Change in credit hours, 1 to 2 hours
  - xii. POLS 4999 Student Research – Change in catalog description
  - xiii. POLS 4306 Constitutional Law I – Remove pre-requisite POLS 2101
  - xiv. POLS 4650 Contemporary American Foreign Policy – Change in course title to U.S. Foreign Policy; change in catalog description; change in pre-requisites – remove POLS 2401
  - xv. POLS 4715 International Relations Theory – Remove POLS 2401 as pre-requisite
  - xvi. POLS 3635 National Security Policy – Change in catalog description
  - xvii. POLS 4920 Senior Seminar – Remove POLS 4000 as pre-requisite; add POLS 4000 as co-requisite; add POLS 3000 as pre-requisite
  - xviii. POLS 4621 Comparative Foreign Policy – Remove POLS 2401 as a pre-requisite
  - xix. POLS 4611 Contemporary International Problems – Remove POLS 2401 as a pre-requisite
  - xx. POLS 3315 The American Judicial System - Remove POLS 2350 as a pre-requisite
  - xxi. POLS 3601 International Conflict and War – Change in course title to International Conflict; change in catalog description; change in pre-requisites – remove POLS 2401

- xxii. POLS 3000 Research Design – Change in catalog description
- xxiii. POLS 4401 Public Policy Writing – Change in catalog description
- xxiv. POLS 4415 Environmental Policy – Change in catalog description
- xxv. POLS 3651 International Security – Change in catalog description
- xxvi. POLS 2401 International Politics and Issues – Change in course title to Introduction to International Relations; change in catalog description
- xxvii. BIOL 4351 Chemical Biology – Change in credit hours to 3-3-4; change in catalog description
- xxviii. BIOL 4160 Molecular Virology – Change in credit hours to 3-2-4; change in catalog description; lab fee added
- xxix. THEA 3400 Stage Management – Remove THEA 1220 as a pre-requisite
- xxx. FREN 1001 Intro French Language & Culture I – Change in catalog description
- xxxi. FREN 1002 Intro French Language & Culture II – Change in catalog description
- xxxii. FREN 2001 Intermediate Language and Culture I – Change in catalog description
- xxxiii. FREN 2002 Intermediate Language and Culture II – Change in catalog description
- xxxiv. ARTS 2510 Ceramics I – Remove pre-requisites
- xxxv. MATH 4150 Linear Algebra: A Second Course – Add MATH 3030 as a pre-requisite
- xxxvi. MUSC 4990 Senior Project – Change in catalog description
- xxxvii. MUAP 3101 Violin Lessons – Change in catalog description; change in pre-requisite
- xxxviii. MUAP 3116 Piano Lessons – Change in catalog description; change in pre-requisite
- xxxix. MUAP 3118 Guitar Lessons – Change in catalog description; change in pre-requisite
  - xl. MUAP 3107 Clarinet Lessons – Change in catalog description; change in pre-requisite
  - xli. MUAP 3103 Cello Lessons – Change in catalog description; change in pre-requisite
  - xlii. MUAP 3117 Organ Lessons – Change in catalog description; change in pre-requisite
  - xliii. MUAP 3120 Harp Lessons – Change in catalog description; change in pre-requisite
  - xliv. MUAP 3104 Bass Lessons – Change in catalog description; change in pre-requisite

- xliv. MUAP 3105 Flute Lessons – Change in catalog description; change in pre-requisite
- xlvi. MUAP 3109 Saxophone Lessons – Change in catalog description; change in pre-requisite
- xlvii. MUAP 3108 Bassoon Lessons – Change in catalog description; change in pre-requisite
- xlviii. MUAP 3115 Percussion Lessons – Change in catalog description; change in pre-requisite
- xlix. MUAP 3119 Voice Lessons – Change in catalog description; change in pre-requisite
  - l. MUAP 3112 Trombone Lessons – Change in catalog description; change in pre-requisite
  - li. MUAP 3110 French Horn Lessons – Change in catalog description; change in pre-requisite
  - lii. MUAP 3106 Oboe Lessons – Change in catalog description; change in pre-requisite
  - liii. MUAP 3114 Tuba Lessons – Change in catalog description; change in pre-requisite
  - liv. MUAP 3111 Trumpet Lessons – Change in catalog description; change in pre-requisite
  - lv. MUAP 3102 Viola Lessons – Change in catalog description; change in pre-requisite
  - lvi. MUAP 3113 Euphonium Lessons – Change in catalog description; change in pre-requisite
- lvii. MUED 2040 Vocal Methods – Change in catalog description
- lviii. MUED 2050 Woodwind Methods – Change in catalog description
- lix. MUED 2060 Brass Methods – Change in catalog description
- lx. MUED 2070 Percussion Methods – Change in catalog description
- lxi. MUED 2080 String Methods – Change in catalog description

## 2. College of Business and Technology

### a. Double Bobcats Pathway

- i. Master of Logistics and Supply Chain Management
- ii. Master of Management Information Systems

### b. New Course Proposals

- i. BCOM 4999 Undergraduate Research
- ii. CBIS 4999 Undergraduate Research
- iii. FINC 4999 Undergraduate Research
- iv. ECON 4999 Undergraduate Research
- v. ACCT 4999 Undergraduate Research

### c. Modification of Existing Courses

- i. FINC 4101 Investment Analysis – Change in pre-requisites from FINC 3131 to FINC 3131 and FINC 3132

- ii. MGMT 4135 Principles of Quality Management – Change in catalog description and pre-requisite and/or co-requisite
  - 3. **Ina Dillard Russell Library**
    - a. **Modification of Existing Courses**
      - i. INFO 4901 Internship – Change in credit hours from 3 hours to 1 to 6 hours
- iv. **Action Items**
  - 1. **College of Arts and Sciences**
    - a. Deactivation of BA in Rhetoric: Committee requires that the following additional requests that were included in the proposal above be submitted separately by the Department of Communication
      - i. Rename the Mass Communication major to Communication
      - ii. Create a concentration in the Communication major based on the previous Rhetoric major
- b. **GRADUATE COUNCIL August 30, 2024**
  - i. **Election of Officers**
    - 1. **Chair** – Al Mead
    - 2. **Secretary** – We will revisit this at the next meeting.
    - 3. **Graduate Student to Serve** – Josie Doss will check with graduate student who is also a lecturer.
  - ii. **Review Bylaws**
    - 1. Bylaws were approved.
  - iii. **Action Items**
    - 1. **College of Arts & Sciences**
      - a. Government & Sociology
        - i. Modification of MPA Academic Dismissal Policy
          - 1. There was lack of clarity regarding the amount of time students should be on probation when they earn an institutional graduate GPA below 3.0 GPA. This proposal clarifies that students have one semester on probation to get their GPA up, or they will be dismissed from the program.
          - 2. Each program should have their dismissal policy written in the catalog.
    - 2. **College of Business & Technology**
      - a. None
    - 3. **College of Education**
      - a. None
    - 4. **College of Health Sciences**
      - a. None
  - iv. **Information Items**
    - 1. **College of Arts and Sciences**
      - a. **New Course Proposals**
        - i. BIOL 6260, Advanced Environmental Toxicology, 4 credit hours

- ii. BIOL 6500, Marine Biodiversity, 3 credit hours
    - iii. BIOL 5161, Molecular Virology, 4 credit hours
    - iv. BIOL 5415, Biology of Reproduction, 3 credit hours
    - v. BIOL 5265, Waterborne Pathogens, 4 credit hours
    - vi. BIOL 4862, Animal Movement Ecology, 4
    - vii. BIOL 5351 Chemical Biology
  - b. **Modification of Existing Courses**
    - i. MAED 6010 Math Investigations in Numbers and Operations (title and description)
    - ii. MUST 6140 Group Self-Experience (change to letter grade)
    - iii. PUAD 6615 Administrative Ethics (description)
- 2. **College of Business and Technology**
  - a. MMIS Double Bobcats Pathway approved
  - b. **Modification of Existing Courses**
    - i. MMIS 6295 IT Strategy & Governance (title and description)
    - ii. MMIS 6198 Enterprise Resource Planning (title and description)
- 3. **College of Education**
  - a. EDEL 7930 Leadership of Teaching and Learning Organizations IV (credit hour 1-6)
- c. **GRADUATE COUNCIL September 13, 2024**
  - i. Graduate Council did not meet since it had no action items.
- d. **GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE August 30, 2024**
  - i. **Election of Officers**
    - 1. **Chair** – Jeff Turner
    - 2. **Vice Chair** – Brook Conway
    - 3. **Secretary** – Owen Lovell
  - ii. **Action Items**
    - 1. None.
  - iii. **Other Items Discussed**
    - 1. Discussed adding 4<sup>th</sup> hour to GC2Y Courses.
    - 2. Committee consideration of the pending “GC1Y: Keepers of Culture” proposal will be pushed to the September Meeting to include a proposing faculty representative.
    - 3. Committee decided CORExplore will be kept as a standing agenda item in GEC meetings, for now.
    - 4. Cara Smith put out a call for interested and diverse faculty representation, to work with CORE Assessment updates and rubrics; Jeff Turner volunteered to be part of this task force.
- 2. **UNIVERSITY SENATE RECOGNITIONS** Nicholas Creel presented first-time Senator Pins to Bryan Hall and Amy Vander Groef.

**OPEN DISCUSSION** Nicholas Creel invited open discussion from the floor.

- 1. **DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE & DANCE PRODUCTION** Amy Pinney, Associate Professor of Performance, alerted the body to the university’s upcoming production of *At the*



*Wedding*, a comedic play with queer and inclusive themes (September 25-29 in Russell Auditorium).

2. **ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING** Holley Roberts, Interim Provost, reported that the next meeting of the Academic Leadership Team would address ways to deal with larger enrollment.

### **ADJOURN**

1. **ATTENDANCE AND THE SIGN-IN SHEET** Rob Sumowski requested that each individual present at the meeting sign the university senator attendance sheet or guest sign-in sheet on their way out if they hadn't already signed in.
2. **NEXT UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING** is scheduled for Friday, 18 Oct 2024 at 3:30 p.m. in Arts & Sciences 272.
3. **MOTION TO ADJOURN** As there was no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

1. There are no supporting documents.