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Upcoming Events

April 15

Correll Scholars application deadline (This date was extended!!!)

April 16

Virtual Honors Night video released on EGSC website, social media accounts and website.

April 30

Virtual celebration video and photo slide show celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Sudie Fulford Community Learning Center. Look for the video on the on EGSC website, social media accounts and website.

April 30

Deadline to utilize comp time

April Senior Staff Meeting Recap

New Employees

Help us welcome a new staff member to the EGSC family!

Cynthia Reese, an alumna of EGSC, has been hired as the Student Conduct Coordinator. Her office will be located in the Jean A. Morgan Student Activities Center.

Congratulations on your new position!

News from the President's Office

Dr. Boehmer gave an update in the Senior Staff meeting from the state level and the University System of Georgia. There will now be **an extension of wholly online instruction through Maymester and the summer semester**. Of course, the plan is always subject to change, but normal classroom activities are scheduled to resume at the start of Fall semester.

Dr. Boehmer gave an update on the governor issuing a shelter in place order for the state of Georgia. He would like to remind all employees to **check their emails and the EGSC webpage** (ega.edu) for updates and more information on the order. EGSC is encouraging only a minimum number of staff to be on campus to support core functions.

If you have to be on campus you will have to get documentation from your vice president or director to be able to come on campus. They will have to fill out a form and give it to you for you to be able to enter.

Dr. Boehmer also reminded everyone that there will be **no face-to-face meetings**. He asked

that you utilize Zoom or Skype for any meetings.

Dual Enrollment

For Summer, **40 dual enrollment applications** have been received. Three of those have been accepted, nine are pending, 18 need scores or higher scores, and four need agreements.

For the Fall of this year, **200 applications** have been turned in. Twenty of those have been accepted, 47 are pending, 80 need scores or higher scores, 28 are not eligible, and 29 need agreements.

Enrollment Report

For the Summer, **438 students are registered**. Last year EGSC had 692 students registered.

For Fall 2020, **541 students are registered** as of Friday. This time last year, 911 student were registered. That brings us to 41% down for fall. Karen Jones said that this has been slow going but since the last report she gave they have registered a good number of students. She said she thinks things are about to pick up given the current situation.

Dr. Boehmer also added that he thinks all institutions, except a few, are experiencing this. He said that it is absolutely critical that everyone understands that folks from academic and student affairs will be reaching out and saying they need help in reaching students on a personal level on a regular basis from now to fall to re-register or register for the first time. Everyone is asked to be flexible and assist in anyway you can.

Housing Update

Since the COVID-19, all students that were able to move out of Bobcat Villas have done so. **Only four students** are staying on campus. There are nine students that are requiring temporary storage for their belongings.

For the Fall of this year, housing applications are down. So far, they have received **159 applications**.

There have been 75 new students who have applied and 85 returning students.

The housing renewal deadline has been **extended to April 30**.

SACSCOC Decennial Reaffirmation Process

The offsite review committee was supposed to meet April 21 and 22 but that has been **delayed to May 26-29**. This could possibly be moved again.

A formal invitation was sent to someone to be the lead evaluator for the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). He has accepted the position and Dr. Sharman said he has a heart for what we do, and he is very qualified. **The QEP will be sent to Dr. Boehmer on May 1**. Then an internal review and revision of the QEP will take place. It is set to be submitted the first of August.

The SACSCOC On-Site Review is **still set for October 6-8, 2020**.

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Admissions

Recruiters are having to use their creativity with recruiting these next few months. They are utilizing Zoom for meetings with possible students. **There will also be a virtual open house this Friday.**

During this time, the Admissions Office is reaching out to students about turning in their missing documents.

Business Office

There has been a project identifier created for COVID-19 expenses. Any kind of accommodations you have had to make for teaching online can be placed under this identifier. **New Project ID - 72PUBL-EMERG**

The year-end cut off dates have been sent out to everyone in an email. The Business Office asked that everyone take a look at the information.

Human Resources

The deadline for staff evaluations has been extended to **May 1!** You can use Zoom or phone calls for the evaluations with employees.

Free COVID-19 screenings are available for USG employees. Screens are available 24 hours a day. Tracy Woods in Human Resources sent out an email with the important details for this. There is also a hotline if you don't have internet access 706-721-1852.

Building Updates

The George L. Smith building had its canopy installed on the front of the building. It is moving right along.

The JAM Center expansion's punch list is 80% complete. The contractors will be able to continue working following the shelter in place order. They are being tested before they come on site.

Information Technology

I.T. will be **installing the two-factor authentication for all EGSC employee email accounts.** They are moving up the process to prevent cyber security issues. The tentative date for the update is April 22. Basically, what this means is you will have to follow the DUO process to log into your email like you do for visiting the time sheet webpage or the benefits webpage. If you have any questions about the process, reach out to the I.T. Department.

I.T. also wants all employees to be aware

of scam emails. Please use caution when opening an email from an external source!

Institutional Advancement

Elizabeth Gilmer, the V.P. of Institutional Advancement, wants to remind everyone that **if you get an open records request or any kind of request for information** to forward that to her as soon as possible. We must respond to these requests within three days.

Institutional Advancement is also working hard to communicate information about COVID-19 and important details that are changing on campus. As of right now, students, faculty, staff and the community are all being reached out to. **Please also visit our COVID-19 page** on the EGSC website for more information. (www.ega.edu/covid19)

Study Abroad

All study abroad programs are suspended until Fall semester. Students were able to get their refunds from Delta for their plane tickets.

Academic and Student Affairs

Dr. Sharman gave an update about two new degree programs at EGSC. She said we are close to submitting for the new programs. These programs are BOTH bachelor's degrees!

Library

The library is working on making video tutorials to help students. If faculty members need a tutorial made, reach out to the library with the information about the video you need made.

Student Life

Family & Friends Fun Day is still scheduled for September 19. This year, the event will be moved into the Quad area to use more of that space and to use the new JAM Center expansion.

Student Life has cancelled all on-campus events. The Miss and Mr. EGSC pageant is being postponed until the fall. Student Life is also working on a virtual video to celebrate the accomplishments of the Student Leadership Group.

For the latest information
about COVID-19 and EGSC, visit
<http://www.ega.edu/covid19>