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Upcoming Events

May 8

Virtual Graduation Ceremony
6 p.m.

May 13

Virtual Open House
2 - 3:30 p.m.

May 14

Virtual Counselor Workshop
1 - 2:30 p.m.

Enrollment Update

Dual Enrollment Update:

For the Summer semester, EGSC has received 51 applications. So far, 29 students have been accepted and we are working on the others.

For the Fall of this year, 209 applications have been submitted. Of those, 121 students have been accepted. In the Fall semester, EGSC is looking at being back at Harlem, Hephzibah, Screven County and Brentwood. EGSC is looking to add Evans High School in Columbia County and Cross Creek High School has also reached back out.

Enrollment Report:

Jim Beall reported that for the Summer we are running 22 ahead registering students from last year. He said these numbers are improving week by week.

May Senior Staff Meeting Recap

Retirements

Elizabeth Gilmer, the Vice President for Institutional Advancement, retired on Thursday. Because of COVID-19, a retirement celebration will not be held right now. When EGSC is able to, an appropriate celebration will be held. Congratulations, Elizabeth!

Virtual Celebrations

So far, EGSC has hosted two virtual celebrations. The first celebration was for Honors Night. EGSC would like to thank everyone who took the time to either film their video or met Harley Smith to film their part in the video. We know it meant a lot to the students.

The second celebration was held for the Studie A. Fulford Community Learning Center's 10th Anniversary. On April 30 the virtual celebration began at noon with fun fact posts about the center leading up to the main video at 5 p.m.

Congratulations

Jessica Williamson, the Director of our Statesboro campus, has been selected into the 20 Under 40 group of Bulloch County.

Candace Lynn has been selected to the Governor's Teaching Fellows Program.

There have also been two title changes at the college. **Karen Jones** has been named the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs. **Jim Beall** is now the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Enrollment Management.

Congratulations!

Housing Report

There have been 244 completed housing applications turned in. That is **up 12% from last year** at this time. Housing is working on a call campaign. They are calling every admitted student to see if they are interested in housing. They are hoping this may turn admitted students into housing students as well.

SACSCOC Decennial Reaffirmation Process

The date for the Off-Site Review of Compliance Certification by SACSCOC Off-Site Review Committee has been **rescheduled for May 26-29**. This is a month later than originally scheduled. Because of this the off-site committee preliminary report will not be sent to us until around mid-June. We will then need to start putting together the focus report that will be due to SACSCOC the first week in August.

Reminder – **The on-site review is still scheduled for October 6-8, 2020**. Please mark this on your calendar.

QEP Completion

The first draft of the QEP report has been submitted. It's a rough draft but group reviewing has started. There is still a lot of work to do, but it looks like it's in pretty good shape.

The one piece we are working

on is the budget and it is coming along.

Budget for the University System of Georgia

The State of Georgia Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) has directed all State Agencies to submit a plan for possible reduction of the FY2020-2021 budget by 14%.

The State Legislature has not yet adopted a FY2020-2021 appropriations bill. That will likely be adopted in June 2020. The above is a planning exercise to prepare for that likely cut in State appropriations. It is NOT a final decision about the amount of the FY2020-2021 cut.

The USG plan must be submitted to the Georgia OPB by May 20, 2020. **EGSC's plan must be submitted to the USG by 9 a.m. on May 14, 2020.**

Any media requests about the budget must be referred immediately to Norma Kennedy. She will then direct the questions to the USG.

COVID-19 Pandemic

The University System of Georgia has requested that all USG institutions prepare a plan for reopening.

They have come up with three main questions to think about in the following order:

- How do we return faculty and staff to campus prior to the beginning of fall semester?
- How do we return to normal

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operations at the beginning of fall semester?

- What contingency plans need to be made for fall 2020? (e.g., what action do we take if COVID-19 has a second wave?)

Subcommittees have been established to prepare the plan. There are eight subcommittees that are required by USG - Workplace and Health Safety, Academics & Research, Public Service, Outreach, Continuing Education & Cooperative Extension, Student Life, Enrollment Management, Athletics, Communication, and Fiscal Impact. EGSC has added housing, IT and External campuses to our subcommittees. Each subcommittee must address the three questions.

Academic/ Student Affairs

EGSC has proposed two new bachelor's degrees. One of the new degrees will be in business management and the other will be in human services. If every-

thing is approved, the business management degree is slated to start in Fall of 2021.

Reminder: Please remember to review and confirm FY2020 Purchase Orders!

Nursing Program Updates

In a few days three nursing students will be graduating. They are all working as nurses right now.

In the Spring, 10 new students started the program. For the Fall, seven students have been offered admission. Another five are working to get information in so they can possibly be accepted.

May is nurse's month...check EGSC's social media to help celebrate!

FESA Program Update

This week five FESA students

will graduate with their bachelor's degree. Three will be getting their associates degree and two of them will be continuing with EGSC to pursue their bachelor's degree. Use caution when opening an email from an external source!

Building Updates

The George L. Smith building is nearing completion. They are installing a few items and finishing a punch list.

The student center expansion is also nearing completion. There was a part on the generator that was damaged when it came in. That has been replaced and a wall will now be built around the generator.

I.T. News

The I.T. Department wants everyone to remember to NOT share zoom information on social media or webpages. Adding a password and waiting room is also a great idea for Zoom meetings.

The deadline for cyber-

security training is May 8, 2020!!! This training is a requirement of all USG employees.

Correll Scholars Program

This year **58 applications** were turned in for the Correll Scholars Program. The applications were narrowed down to 30 candidates who had their virtual interviews Monday, May 4 and Tuesday, May 5.

Graduation

The 2020 Virtual Spring Graduation Ceremony was held Friday, May 8 at 6 p.m. You can find the ceremony on Facebook or <http://www.ega.edu/2020-Spring-Commencement>, where you can view the Alumni speech, commencement, and more!

Note: The 2020 Patriotic Concert has officially been cancelled.

