REPORTS FROM PRESIDENT DORMAN AND PROVOST SPIROU
17 SEPTEMBER 2021 MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. **POLICY REVISIONS AND APPROVALS** During the September 2021 Board of Regents meeting, revisions were made to the following BOR policies: Student Affairs Board Policy 4.6.5 Standards for Institutional Student Conduct Investigation and Disciplinary Proceedings
2. **PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION TEAM** In June, a Presidential Transition Team was created to assist in onboarding of the new President. The team was charged with determining events and engagements that are appropriate for the President to attend in their first 100 days; guide the President in meeting important individuals across campus; schedule listening tours for the President to meet and discuss important details in each department; triaging priorities/needs for campus; schedule introductions for campus and external leadership; and determine conferences and forums for the President to attend. The Transition Team members include:
    - **a.** Susan Kerr, Chair of Committee
    - **b.** Caroline Attaway
    - **c.** Frank Baugh
    - **d.** Lauren Easom
    - **e.** Gretchen Krumdieck
    - **f.** Hasitha Mahabaduge
    - **g.** Omar Odeh
    - **h.** Mary Beth Pennington
    - **i.** Holley Roberts
    - **j.** Joel Robinson
    - **k.** Sara Stallings
    - **l.** Monica Starley

    President Cathy Cox will arrive on campus October 1. Please know that the transition team and the President's office will assist to guide her activities scheduled for the first 100 days. This will include introductions to campus and a listening tour. If you would like more information about the work of the transition team, contact please contact Susan Kerr, chair of the team.
3. **UNIVERSITY BUDGET FORUM** The FY 2022 **University Budget Open Forum** will be held virtually on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. 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.
4. **FRESHMAN CLASS & GRADUATION RATE UPDATE**
    - **a.** As of September 7th, preliminary first year class enrollment is 1,511. If this continues and is confirmed, it would be the largest first year class ever in the history of the institution (1,481 in 2018).
    - **b.** I am also very pleased that our four-year graduation rate was 50.24% and the six-year rate was 62.05%. This is the second year in a row that the four-year graduation rate remained above 50%.

c. These are great signs that Georgia College is in high demand and that students are moving through the university in an efficient and effective way, given the good graduation rate! Thanks to Mr. Joel Robinson and the Enrollment Management and Admissions team for their work in securing our outstanding first year class. Thanks to our Advising Team and all who are working to assist students chart their path through the university efficiently.

5. **IT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** As we continue to try to ensure safety and security of our information and technology, it has become important to appoint a Data Compliance Committee to add to IT Governance for the campus. The Data Compliance Committee will be a group of strategically appointed members to ensure that GC meets compliance standards for the Business Procedures Manual, Data Privacy, and subsequent data-related requirements. The group will be responsible for collaboratively creating procedures and standards and will submit policy recommendations to meet compliance requirements. The committee will also help ensure that all areas of the campus are meeting these proposed policies, procedures, and standards. The Data Compliance Committee will act as a sub-committee of the Data Governance Advisory Committee (DGAC), which is part of the IT Governance structure. Recommendations will be made to the DGAC, which will then be brought to the attention of the Information Technology Council (ITC). Regular reports will be made from the ITC to the President's Executive Cabinet. All recommended policies will funnel through this governance process and be submitted to the Executive Cabinet for approval.
6. **OPEN ENROLLMENT** USG Open Enrollment will be open to benefit-eligible employees October 25 – November 5, 2021. Enrollment in benefits for the 2022 plan year will take place via OneUSG. The Benefits Fair will take place VIRTUALLY the week of October 25-29, 2021. Click here to see the schedule of events and how to register. **Registration is required** Once you register, you will receive an email with steps for how to log in and access the information. There will be live presentations from vendors at 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM each day, and you can add reminders to your calendar to hear from any vendor and/or benefit you're interested in. All live presentations will be recorded; so, if these times do not fit with your work schedule, you can watch them on your own time. Vendors will also be available daily from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM via chat within the Virtual Benefits Fair even if they are not scheduled to give a live presentation. The Virtual Benefits Fair will be open 24/7 from October 25 through October 29, 2021.
7. **ETHICS AWARENESS WEEK** Ethics Awareness Week is scheduled for November 8 – 12, 2021. The purpose of the week is to remind everyone in the university system of our shared ethical values and expectations so that these are incorporated into our day-to-day decisions. Ms. Stacy Mulvaney, Director of Internal Audit and Advisory Services, is coordinating various virtual activities for the week. More details about the week's events will be announced in October.
8. **COVID TESTING & FLU SHOTS**
    a. Thank you to all students, faculty and staff who have helped make Georgia College a truly special place to study, learn, teach, and serve despite the many challenges the COVID-19 pandemic has brought. We know this has been a very difficult and challenging time for all throughout the pandemic. To those who have already chosen to be vaccinated, we extend our sincerest **THANK YOU**. That decision undoubtedly will protect you and your loved ones and assist us to protect the entire campus community.
    b. The School of Nursing began administering flu shots and providing COVID testing on September 9 for all faculty, staff, and students. COVID testing is free

for everyone while flu shots are $20 for faculty and staff. Below you will find their clinic schedule.

September 9	**1-4 PM**	**Parks Memorial sidewalk**	**COVID test/ flu shots**
September 13	**1-3 PM**	**Parks Memorial sidewalk**	**COVID test/ flu shots**
September 14	**1-3 PM**	**Parks Memorial sidewalk**	**COVID test/ flu shots**
September 15	**10:30 AM – 2:30 PM**	**HSB Skills Lab**	**Flu shot**
September 16	**9 AM – Noon 1-4 PM**	**Parks Memorial sidewalk**	**COVID test/ flu shots**
September 20	**1-3 PM**	**Parks Memorial sidewalk**	**COVID test/ flu shots**
September 21	**1-3 PM**	**Parks Memorial sidewalk**	**COVID test/ flu shots**
September 22	**10:30 AM – 2:30 PM**	**HSB Skills Lab**	**Flu shot**
September 23	**9 AM – Noon 1-4 PM**	**Parks Memorial sidewalk**	**COVID test/ flu shots**
September 28	**8 AM – Noon**	**Parks Memorial sidewalk**	**COVID test/ flu shots**
September 30	**9 AM – Noon 1-4 PM**	**Parks Memorial sidewalk**	**COVID test/ flu shots**
October 19	**8 AM – Noon**	**Parks Memorial sidewalk**	**COVID test/ flu shots**
November 30	**9 AM – Noon**	**Parks Memorial sidewalk**	**COVID test/ flu shots**

9. **COMMUNITY SUMMIT ON MENTAL HEALTH** The USG will be sponsoring a summit on Mental Health on The Georgia Center on the campus of the University of Georgia. The Summit is scheduled to take place November 15 &16 in Athens. Representatives from academic affairs, student life, campus police, disability services, health center, counseling center, student government, AAMI, veteran affairs, diversity & inclusion are recommended for this event. Each institution may bring up to 10 attendees and this will be coordinated by our Dean of Students. Registration details will be made available soon.
10. **SAVE THE DATE**

Andalusia Groundbreaking
Wednesday, September 29, 2021
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Integrated Science Complex Ribbon Cutting
Wednesday, September 29, 2021
Integrated Science Complex
Fallfest
Saturday, October 16, 2021
Front Campus
Open Enrollment
October 25 – November 5, 2021

Virtual Appointments
University Budget Forum
Wednesday, October 27, 2021
In-Person & Virtual Meeting
Fall Festival
Wednesday, October 27, 2021
Front Campus
Alumni Weekend
November 1 – 6, 2021
In-Person & Virtual Events
Ethics Awareness Week
November 8 – 12, 2021
Details to follow
Family Weekend
November 12 – 14, 2021
Details to follow
December Commencement
Saturday, December 11, 2021
Centennial Center

PROVOST'S REPORT

1. **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS** Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Regents' meeting (September 9, 2021) included a presentation by Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer Dr. Tristin Denley on the proposed revisions to Board Policy 8.3. The proposed revisions will be presented to the Board of Regents at the October 2021 Board meeting for final consideration and approval. The new language includes changes to (1) faculty performance evaluation focusing on student success, (2) new post-tenure review guidelines, and (3) USG colleges and universities granting tenure. I will provide an update on this topic following the October 2021 BOR meeting (See Item #12 from the August 9, 2021 Report to University Senate).
2. **HIGH IMPACT PRACTICES (HIPS) IMPLEMENTATION TEAMS** Georgia College nominated the following faculty to be part of the second year of High Impact Practices (HIPs) Implementation Teams at scale for USG:
    a. Damian Francis, College of Health Sciences
    b. Joy Godin, College of Business
    c. Angela Criscoe, College of Arts and Sciences
    d. Olha Osobov, College of Education

    Faculty chosen as Implementation Leaders will serve for the coming academic year (fall/spring) in a critical role, assisting their institution faculty and the System at large to support HIPs implementation at scale.
3. **PATHWAYS TO GEORGIA COLLEGE** On August 23, 2021 Georgia College signed the *Pathways to Georgia College* agreement with the College of Coastal Georgia. The agreement is aimed at supporting students who did not gain admission to GC as first year applicants by providing them with an opportunity to join a USG institution and then transfer to GC. All students must meet the university admissions requirements. In 2020 Georgia College signed similar agreements with Georgia Highlands College and Gordon State College.

4. **2022 Faculty Research Grants Round I** The call for research grant proposals for Fall 2022 Round I opened September 1, 2021 with a deadline of September 17, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Once the applicant has their materials ready to submit, please log into GeorgiaVIEW, click on the Self-Registration menu option, find the 2022 (Round I) Faculty Research Grant Applications course. Be sure to complete the self-registration for the course. Submission instructions and forms to upload your materials are in the course announcements.
    a. Grant amount: Up to $5,000.00
    b. Application Open: September 1, 2021 to September 17, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m. EST
    c. Winners Announced: October 5th, 2021
    d. Award Lasts Until: May 1, 2022 [All funds must be expended by May 1, 2022]
5. **2022 Inclusive Excellence Faculty Research Grant** Application Period Opened September 1. The purpose of this grant program is to provide funding for Georgia College faculty to conduct research on topics regarding inclusive excellence in the discipline and beyond. Faculty can address inclusive excellence in a variety of ways including: examining underserved populations; researching the effect of educational, economic, health, and environmental disparities; analyzing public policies and their impact on the social world; investigating historical events; evaluation of effective and inclusive teaching; discovering the roles specific learning outcomes includes or excludes our learners; identifying the impact the use of technology has on certain populations; and recognizing the student's agency in successfully matriculating through the coursework. The submission deadline is September 17, 2021. For assistance, contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at ctl@gcsu.edu, or call (478) 445-2520.
    a. Grant amount: Up to $4,000.00
    b. Application Open: September 1, 2021 to September 17, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m. EST
    c. Winners Announced: October 5th, 2021
    d. Award Lasts Until: May 1, 2022 [All funds must be expended by May 1, 2021]
6. **Quality Matters (QM)** GC is now offering Quality Matters (QM) training in conjunction with the Digital Bootcamp course. Upon completing the QM training and the Digital Bootcamp, you will receive two completion certificates, one from Quality Matters and the other from the Center for Teaching and Learning, which verifies your readiness to develop a quality online course. Quality Matters is the global organization leading quality assurance in online and innovative digital teaching and learning environments. It provides a scalable quality assurance system for online and blended learning used within and across organizations. QM designed the professional development to help educators deliver the promise of quality online learning opportunities to every level of learning. For more information or to register, please contact Dr. Simeco Vinson at the Center for Teaching and Learning at ctl@gcsu.edu, or call (478)445-2520.
7. **Provost Summer Research Fellows** The *Provost Summer Research Fellows* (formerly Faculty Scholarship Support Program) provides additional support for faculty to disseminate their research, artistic work and/or teaching and learning scholarship in a peer-reviewed publication and/or juried context. The purpose is to award one of the most valuable resources of all – time. This time would be used to write your scholarship or prepare your performance or exhibition. The goal is to increase the scholarly productivity of Georgia College faculty by making additional resources (i.e., time) available. By increasing our dissemination of scholarship through peer-reviewed/juried outlets, we will enhance our national reputation; and the higher education learning

community will have an opportunity to learn about all the great research, creative work, teaching and learning that is occurring at Georgia College.

8. **ANDALUSIA** was recently designated a National Historic Landmark (NHL). It is Georgia College's second museum to receive this prestigious status. Georgia's Old Governor's Mansion was the first campus landmark to receive this recognition in 1973.
9. **VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAM** The Provost Office is preparing to launch a new visiting scholars program. The *Provost's Visiting Scholars* Program, funded by the Office of the Provost, is intended to enrich the learning experiences of faculty and students within the context of an academic department/school. The initiative will allow academic departments/schools to invite domestic scholars for a week-long visit (Sunday to Friday). The Provost's Visiting Scholars Program will be a competitive, application-based program and will provide faculty and students an opportunity to engage with experts within its residency format. Academic departments are encouraged to submit an application for the Spring 2022 academic term. Applications are due October 15th, 2021.
10. **THE GEORGIA COLLEGE AQUATIC SCIENCES CENTER** is a new initiative at the university. A quick review of Georgia College faculty's research and teaching interests shows that over 20 faculty and staff are involved in research or teaching courses that cover water-related topics. The Aquatic Sciences Center will leverage existing strengths, collaborations, and equipment in the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences to provide a platform and structure for collaborative research, grant writing, student training, and community engagement. Pooling resources and equipment under the umbrella of the center will enhance our competitiveness for external funding opportunities, elevate the visibility of the work that we already do, and provide administrative support that will enable faculty to spend more time training and mentoring students in water-related research. The Center will reside in the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences.
11. **COVID-19 TESTING** GC offered a COVID-19 rapid testing clinic for employees and students on Tuesday, Aug. 31 in Magnolia Ballroom from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Plans are underway for additional testing clinics. Thank you to the College of Health Sciences for developing testing/flu shot clinics for Fall 2021.

Date	**Time**	**Location**	**Service offered**	**faculty**
Sep. 20 TBD				Public health/nursing
Sep. 21	1-3 PM	Parks Mem sidewalk	Covid test/flu shot	Fowler
Sep. 22	1030 A-230 PM	HSB- skills lab	Flu shot	Handwerker/Chambliss
Sep. 23	9 A-12 PM 1-4 PM	Parks Mem sidewalk	Covid test/flu shot	3560 faculty/Paramore
Sep/ 28	8 A-12 PM	Parks Mem sidewalk	Covid test/flu shot	Canady/Clark
Sep. 30	9 A-12 PM 1-4 PM	Parks Mem sidewalk	Covid test/flu shot	3560 faculty

Oct. 19	8 A-12 PM	Parks Mem sidewalk	Covid test/ flu shot	Canady/Clark
Nov. 30	9 A-12 PM	Parks Mem sidewalk	Covid test/flu shot	Canady/Clark

12. **TREK** For the Fall 2021 FYS pilot, Georgia College is offering 30 sections of TREK. Students are required to attend the Academic Expo and faculty are leading the effort. At the end of the semester we will assess the student experience and identify ways to support first year students.
13. **STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT** Georgia College was just approved for another year of participation in SARA. SARA (State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement) is an agreement among member states that establishes comparable national standards for interstate offering of postsecondary distance education courses and programs.
14. **COLLEGES OF DISTINCTION** Georgia College has received the Colleges of Distinction designation. Please see website link.
15. **2020 TREE CAMPUS HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION** The Arbor Day Foundation recognized Georgia College as a 2020 Tree Campus Higher Education institution. met the five core standards for effective campus forest management, including establishment of a tree advisory committee, evidence of a campus tree care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program, an Arbor Day observance, and the sponsorship of student service learning projects.
16. **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UNIT GOALS** The September issue of the *Provost Notes* includes goals from units in the Office of Academic Affairs and the University Senate.
17. **ASSOCIATE PROVOST AND DIRECTOR OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL SEARCH** The Office of the Provost launched the search for the next Associate Provost and Director of The Graduate School. The search committee is broadly representative of the university including faculty and staff and is chaired by Dr. Mark Pelton. The Committee Charge took place on September 10, 2021. We hope to announce new Associate Provost & Director of The Graduate School in late November/early December 2021.
18. **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TRANSFORMATION ACCELERATOR** The Office of the Provost submitted an application for the next cohort of *AASCU's Transformation Accelerator* designed to help institutions accelerate student success. Participation is fully funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
19. **ASSOCIATION TO ADVANCE COLLEGIATE SCHOOLS OF BUSINESS** The College of Business had a successful AACSB virtual visit Sept 12-15; a recommendation for reaffirmation will be considered by the AACSB's accreditation board later this winter. AACSB only accredits the best business schools in the world with only 5% earning this quality indicator. The visit team was impressed by the CoB's focus on societal impact in scholarship and service, their emphasis on teaching innovation, and the high degree of community-engaged learning and outreach. The Computer Science program will host a virtual visit by Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc. (ABET) in October for a reaccreditation review.
20. **COLLEGE OF BUSINESS FACULTY QUALIFICATIONS** Based on ongoing conversations and reflection, along with the feedback from the AACSB visit team, the CoB are reviewing their faculty qualifications policy this semester. If edits are approved, the P&T policy and criteria will also be subject to change.
21. **FACULTY AND ASSOCIATE DEAN SEARCHES** All of our colleges are involved in conducting numerous faculty searches for the 2021-2022 academic year. The College of

Business and the College of Arts and Sciences are also conducting searches for Associate Dean positions.

22. **HONORS COLLEGE** The Honors College is working closely with faculty, department chairs, and college deans to advance the Honors curriculum. The college will be offering fourteen courses during Spring 2022. Students in the Honors College will also have access to anatomical models in the study room (Humber-White 308).
23. **OPEN EDUCATION RESOURCE INSTITUTE** As a part of Georgia College's participation in the AAC&U Open Education Resource Institute, David Harris, Editor in Chief at OpenStax, will lead a virtual webinar on October 19th at 2:00 p.m. The webinar will be instructive for faculty who are interested in learning more about supporting student success through the provision of affordable textbook alternatives. For more information, contact Shaundra Walker, Library Director, and OER Institute Team Lead for Georgia College.
24. **AFFORDABLE LEARNING GEORGIA GRANTS ROUND 20** Affordable Learning Georgia is issuing a Request for Proposals for Affordable Materials Grants with applications due by Monday, November 1st, 2021. There is a $30,000 maximum award per grant. Interested faculty members should coordinate their applications with the Office of Grants and Sponsored Projects. For more information and assistance, contact any member of Georgia College's ALG Champion Team: Faculty Champion, Shaundra Walker, Library Champion, Jennifer Townes, or Design Champion, Jaclyn Queen.
25. **CONSTITUTION WEEK 2021** started today and will conclude Thursday September 23rd. The Constitution Week Committee developed a robust program with excellent opportunities for participation. For more information please see link. Thank you to the Committee for their exceptional work.
26. **FALL 2022 FRESHMAN ADMISSION** The Fall 2022 freshmen application is now open. Early Action admissions deadline is October 15 with the anticipation that the first round of freshmen decisions will post in mid-November. Fallfest will be hosted in person on Saturday, October 16. The Office of Admissions enrolled more than 1,500 new first-time students and approximately 230 new transfer students for fall 2021. These numbers represent significant increases over fall of 2020.
27. **MIDTERM GRADES** are due Wednesday, October 6, at 9:00 AM. Midterm grades are required for all core classes, but we encourage you to submit them for other courses as well.
28. **ACADEMIC EXPO**, sponsored by the Academic Advising Center, will be Wednesday, September 29. Departments are encouraged to participate to help new and undeclared students learn more about their major programs. The event has been moved to the Centennial Center and will be using most of the second floor, including side courts, to ensure space for social distancing.
29. **HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND** GC Financial Aid has $5.4 million in Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) to administer to students by May 2022.
30. **FALL 2021 GRADUATE RESEARCH GRANTS** Applications are currently being accepted for the fall 2021 Graduate Research Grants program. The funding supports the registration costs associated with the presentation of graduate students' original scholarship at professional academic conferences. The application deadline is October 15, 2021. The Graduate School will work in collaboration with Leadership Programs to provide in-person and virtual leadership development opportunities to graduate students. The Graduate School looks to establish the first Graduate Student Organization at Georgia College.

31. **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS** Despite COVID and other immigration headwinds, GC welcomed 37 new international students to the campus this Fall for a total of 50 students representing 29 different nations (i.e., Kazakhstan, Kenya, Palestine, Pakistan, Russia, South Africa, Ukraine, Vietnam). Non-COVID years: ~ 60/year and 25 nations.
32. **STUDY ABROAD** We are seeing very strong interest from students and also - interestingly enough – parents. 14 GC faculty-led programs are in place for the year, plus numerous exchange and collaborative opportunities. Already have nearly 60 applications.
33. **BORDER-FREE GEORGIA COLLEGE** International Education Center's innovative Border-Free GC was featured in a June report on "examples of impactful Internationalisation at Home programmes" published by Universities UK (UUK), the principal association of higher education in the UK. Georgia College was one of only fifteen universities world-wide to be showcased in the report. That report, in turn, was promoted by the Academic Cooperation Association (ACA), a world-wide association of national-level organizations based at the EU in Brussels. ACA borrowed wording from our UUK feature, noting that programs like Border-Free GC "break down barriers to physical international mobility" and make campuses more inclusive and sustainable.
34. **THE MONTESSORI ACADEMY** enrollment is up by 22% from this time last year. Additional Infant/Toddler classroom has been opened within the program. Montessori Academy is also providing graduate students with in person field experiences.
35. **THE UNIVERSITY LEARNING CENTER** has hired and trained a peer-support academic staff of over 115 student employees to provide academic support with our Drop-In Tutoring, Math Lab, Supplemental Instruction program, Study Skill and Excel Bootcamp workshop facilitators, and After-Hours services. The University Learning Center is piloting our Excel Bootcamp workshops with about 12 courses in the STEM fields; within the first 2 rounds of sessions, over 220 students have successfully completed the Excel Bootcamp with a performance of 80% or above and have received their Certificate of Completion. Approximately 50 courses representing over 70 sections have SI support partnered with their sections.
36. **USG YEAR 3 STEM IV GRANT** GC received the USG Year 3 STEM IV grant monies ($75,000) and the Learning Center is utilizing these funds to extend support by way of the PASS+ program, in-person tutoring until 9pm M-R in the Learning Center, host in-person tutoring on West Campus and online from 6pm-9pm M-R, and facilitate Excel Bootcamps and Study Skills workshops.
37. **THE GEORGIA COLLEGE COLLEGIATE MIDDLE LEVEL ASSOCIATION CHAPTER** will be holding a summit on October 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The theme is "Creating a Culture of Connectedness" and Georgia Supreme Court Justice Verda Colvin is the keynote speaker.
38. **THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH** will be held virtually. Please encourage students to participate. For additional information, see link.
39. **DANIEL WALLACE**, UNC-Chapel Hill, author of the novel *Big Fish* (and other novels) will be speaking on campus, hosted by the Andalusia Institute, on Tuesday, September 21st at 7pm.
40. **GC JOURNEYS** will host the (virtual) GC Journeys Symposium for faculty on October 29th. More details to come.
41. **COUNCIL FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION (CAEP)** accreditation visit is scheduled for October 3-5 in the College of Education and plans are unfolding for the grand opening of the MakerSpace grand opening is forthcoming.

42. **WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP FACULTY FELLOWS PROGRAM** Call for Applications for the *Women's Leadership Faculty Fellows Program* (WLFFP) sponsored by the Office of the Provost. Applications are due Friday, October 8. More information on WLFFP can be found here.
43. **THANK YOU** to all of our faculty and staff for your hard work and deep commitment to our students and to Georgia College! I know that this work is challenging. I would also like to thank all of those who have already taken the vaccine. We know that this is the best line of defense we can take against COVID for our colleagues and your loved ones.