



President's Corner

One of the important initiatives being undertaken by the University System is a space audit of all institutions. Because we know that capital funding will be limited in the future, the goal is to make the most efficient use of space currently existing.

There were six institutions which participated in a pilot audit earlier this year. The System is currently looking at the eight institutions being consolidated. In preparation for that, I asked **Susan Daniell** to take the lead in preparing a preliminary space audit for GSC using the new criteria and matrix adopted by the System. GSC hired **Mel Lockhart**, who has worked with the System Office in the pilot audits and who was also the academic planner in GSC's last two master plans (2001 and 2010), to work with Susan to prepare this audit.

Mel gave a preliminary report on the Gainesville Campus to the Expanded Executive Council last week. She and Susan are refining that report and including the Oconee Campus for a final report to the Executive Council next Wednesday. If anyone is interested in attending, the meeting will be in the President's Conference Room at 1:00. Regent Philip Wilheit is also planning to attend.

On June 21, the System facilities staff will be visiting the Gainesville Campus and, hopefully, Oconee as well to discuss our space issues. They plan to visit Dahlongega the day before. I will share the results with the college community as soon as I can. I don't know how long after the visit we will receive a report or whether we will receive feedback the day of the visit. We will probably be walking around the campuses on June 21. If you see us, please stop and say hello.

Martha



Pictured outside the newly-named J. Bob Howington Business Affairs Suite are Howington's daughter Triessa Meredith, wife Margaret Howington, grandchildren Alexandria and Blake Meredith, and son-in-law Mike Meredith.

GSC renames Business suite to honor the late J. Bob Howington

A standing-room-only crowd attended the dedication of the GSC Business Affairs Suite on Thursday, May 24, 2012. The attendees came to honor the memory of J. Bob Howington, after whom the Suite was renamed.

Howington began working at Gainesville Junior College in August of 1968 and retired from Gainesville College in June of 2004. He was employed by the College longer than any other person in its history—36 years.

Howington served admirably and with distinction throughout the years in the area of Business and Finance. He was hired as Controller, and when he retired, he held the position of Vice President for Business and Finance.

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Business Affairs staff prepare for end of fiscal year

Due to year end, please have all petty cash receipts for reimbursement turned in to the Business Affairs Office no later than Thursday, June 21, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. *Any receipts turned in after that date will not be included in this fiscal year.*



To allow enough time to process purchase orders before June 29, please comply with the following deadlines:

- All internal purchase requisitions for purchases that require bidding must be received in the Business Office by 5 PM June 14. This includes purchases \$5,000 or over and not on a state contract or otherwise exempt.
- All other requisitions for purchase orders must be received by 5 PM June 21 to guarantee processing.

- If you submit a requisition for the next fiscal year's budget prior to June 21, please mark it "FY 13 FUNDS" at the top of the requisition.

Please call (ext. 3616) or email **Bonnie Jones** (bjones@gsc.edu) if you have any questions.



All check and travel expense requests for the current fiscal year budget are due to the Business Office no later than **noon** on June 25. Flex is due to **Kathy Martin** at this time as well. *Any requests received after this date will be posted in Fiscal Year 2013.*



PCard holders are strongly encouraged to use June 15, 2012 as the deadline for all PCard purchases. All transactions must post by June 27 in order to be included in this year's budget. In

some cases, posting of transactions can take as long as 3-4 business days. This deadline will ensure that all transactions are posted and go through the approval process prior to the 27th. *Any purchases that do not post by June 27 will be included in next year's budget.*

J. Bob Howington

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In his role at the College, Howington worked with all three Presidents of the College: Dr. Hugh M. Mills, Dr. J. Foster Watkins, and Dr. Martha T. Nesbitt. He was described as a model for patience and was admired for allowing members of his staff to work in their own unique ways.

Those who worked with Howington use phrases like "a kind, modest man" to illustrate his character. There are many stories about his going above and beyond to help many students, faculty, and staff during his tenure at the College.

In February of this year, Howington passed away peacefully at his home, at the age of 75, following an aggressive case of melanoma, but for most of his life he enjoyed exemplary health.



CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND
THE DEDICATION OF THE

Loyd Strickland Academic Building



J. Foster Watkins Academic Building

TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2012 AT 2:00 PM
GAINESVILLE STATE COLLEGE QUAD
RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEDICATION,
CONTACT AMY LANCASTER AT 678-717-3409
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GSC SIFE Team Members: (front row, l to r) Efren and Oasis Chavez, Katie Simmons, Terri Zeigler, Travis Ebbert, James Geeter, Helen Petgrave, Kristin Xiong; (second row) Sukhrob Khayriev, Matthew Chavez, Juan Pardo, Anastasia Roberts, Sandra Torres, Litany Koshy, Suzanne Anthony; (third row) Jose Villalta, William Anthony, Mitchel Kochuyt, Garfield Anderson, Jonathan Rajala, Matthew Siegler

Gainesville State SIFE Team starts reading trail, attends USA national competition

Advisor **Katie Simmons** and SIFE students Helen Petgrave and Matthew Chavez worked on the start of a Reading Trail at Friendship Elementary School in Buford on Saturday, May 19, 2012.

This project is funded by the Lowe's Community Foundation through a SIFE grant. When completed, the trail will include twelve reading stations and will begin and end at the outdoor classroom. The concept is to encourage both exercise and reading. The trail work will continue over the summer, with the grand opening in September.

Later in May, the GSC SIFE team represented Gainesville State College at the SIFE USA National Competition held May 22 - 25 in Kansas City, Missouri. Faculty members **Garfield Anderson, Katie Simmons,** and **Suzanne Anthony** accompanied SIFE team members William Anthony, Efren Chavez, Matthew Chavez, Travis Ebbert, James Geeter, Sukhrob Khayriev, Mitchel Kochuyt, Litany

Koshy, Juan Pardo, Helen Petgrave, Jonathan Rajala, Anastasia Roberts, Matthew Siegler, Sandra Torres, Jose Villalta, and Kristin Xiong to the 156-team competition.

GSC SIFE was named a National Finalist in the TIAA CREF Financially Empowering Gen Y Project Partnership as well as recognized with a Silver Spoon award for their work on the Campbell's "Let's Can Hunger" Challenge.

Belmont University was named the USA National Champion and will compete at the SIFE World Cup to be held September 30 - October 2, 2012 in Washington, D.C. The SIFE World Cup is being sponsored this year by the U.S. State Department, and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton will be the keynote speaker. GSC SIFE has been invited to attend as an observing team, with partial sponsorship from Walgreens Corporation. Thank you to everyone on both campuses who helped make our year successful!

Announcements

■ To save processing time, please be sure that all Internal Purchase Requisitions have two legible signatures. One must be the Budget Manager, Vice President, or President responsible for the budget being charges. The typed name of the preparer will not be considered a signature.



■ *Unraveled Threads* will meet on Tuesday, June 12, at noon in ACAD IV Room 5101.

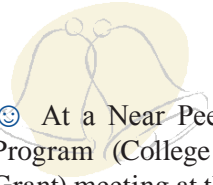
■ **Attention FWS supervisors:** The last day that **any** federal work/study student may work is June 22.

■ The new, improved Scheduling Worksheet for Students with Registration Restrictions provides spaces for both *Desired Courses* and *Alternative Course Options*. Use of this Worksheet will:

- Prevent students from standing in line at the Registrar's Office only to discover that *Desired Courses* are full;
- Prevent students from returning to faculty advisors for additional advising when *Desired Courses* are full.

The revised worksheet is available under the "Academic Advising Forms" link on the Academic Advising website.

■ Human Resources is frequently asked about "bereavement days." The USG does not allocate for days specifically as bereavement; however, absences related to the death of immediate family members are addressed in the USG policy. Please reference USG policy section 8.2.7.2 (Sick Leave With Pay) at http://www.usg.edu/policymanual/section8/policy/C224/#p8.2.7_leave for information pertaining to this matter.



Ringling Our Bells



☺ At a Near Peer Service-Learning Program (College Access Challenge Grant) meeting at the Board of Regents on March 1, 2012, **Sheri Hardee** presented on Gainesville State College's *High School 2 College* Program, which pairs GSC mentors with Gainesville High School ninth graders.

☺ **Maryellen Cosgrove**, Dean of the School of BEHW, was an invited guest speaker by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission at their Assessment Workshop on May 15 at Georgia Gwinnett College. Her presentation was titled "Understanding the Assessment System and Its Relationship to the Conceptual

Framework and the Other Standards." **Brent Allison** and **Ken White** also participated in the day-long workshop.

☺ Along with four colleagues, **Sheri Hardee** published an article entitled "Teaching in the Borderland: Critical Practices in Foundations Courses" in the June 2012 edition of *Teaching Education*.

**RED CROSS
SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE**
Wed., June 13
10 AM - 2 PM
Robinson Ballroom (GC)

Counseling & Career Services Workshops

Counseling & Career Services offers students a variety of services, including personal and career counseling, transfer information, academic and career workshops, and job search assistance (Electronic Job Board). Group sessions are available as well as individual appointments. Please call 678-717-3660 or stop by our office in the Student Center to schedule an appointment.

We encourage you to attend our workshops and events. All workshops and events are free of charge and open to currently enrolled students, faculty, and staff. If you cannot attend a program but are interested in the topic, we will be happy to meet with you individually. All workshops are about 45 minutes to one hour in length and will be presented in our office unless otherwise noted. Advance registration for our workshops is preferred. **Call 678-717-3660 or email dpierce@gsc.edu to register.**

Testing Anxiety: Tuesday, June 12 at 12:30 p.m. and Wednesday, June 13 at Noon

Like it or not, your success in college is based largely on how you test. If testing anxiety is your problem, this workshop will help you by going over common problems and offering practical solutions. Helpful relaxation techniques will also be demonstrated in this workshop.

Study Skills: Thursday, June 14 at 12:30 p.m. and Thursday, June 28 at 12:30 p.m.

Do you study forever and still don't understand? Are you studying harder instead of smarter? Learn the study habits you should know for success in college and beyond.

Time Management: Wednesday, June 20 at Noon

Do you often wish there were 30 hours in the day? Eight days a week? Learn to manage your time effectively and efficiently. We will help you find ways to get more done and have the freedom to do the things you want to do.

DMG unveils new event request system

The configuration process of the new event request system is coming to a close, and training will begin soon. The target date for calendar publication is Monday, July 2. By this date, facility approvers will be trained, and scheduled events will be copied over to the new calendar.

- Work order system will still be in place for non-event-related requests, but all events will be listed on the new system beginning July 2.
- Events from new system will appear on the GSC website.
- Faculty and staff user training will take place between July and September (dates and locations TBA).

Our College Family

Sincere condolences to **Donna Foster** and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, Joey Foster, in a trucking accident. He leaves his wife, Donna, who is a student at Lanier Tech, and their two daughters, ages 11 and 5. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Joseph Foster Family through a fund established at Lanier Tech.



You're invited to attend a farewell party honoring Cheryl Harris on Thursday, June 28, at noon in ACAD IV, Room 4101.

Relay for Life team still needs your help

The *Gainesville-Hall County Relay for Life* was held Friday and Saturday, June 1-2, but donations to this good cause can still be made. Cash or check donations for the team go to Dean Lieburn in Academic Affairs (GC). Donations can also be made online at the following link: http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=team&fr_id=39721&team_id=996946