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Important Dates

Fall 2020
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Fall 2020 NelNet
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Fall 2020 Book
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07/27/2020 -
08/21/2020

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July Senior Staff Meeting Recap

New Employees

Kim Hooks is joining the EGSC family as a part-time STEM Teacher with the GYSTC Magnolia Midlands group. Hooks most recently worked in the Emanuel County Public School System and she has 30 years of public school education experience. Welcome to the EGSC family!

Beginning August 1, **Dr. David Chevalier** will take on the role of Interim Dean of the School of Math and Science. Thank you for your hard work Dr. Chevalier!

Dual Enrollment

For Fall 2020, EGSC currently has **256 dual enrollment students** registered. In Swainsboro, there are 132 students, 47 in Statesboro, and 77 students in Augusta. This number is down 53 students from last Fall, but we are expected to get close to last Fall's number or even exceed it.

EGSC has a great opportunity at **Jefferson County High School**. For the first time, EGSC will be able to go to the high school to teach a course. An English 1101 and 1102 combination is being offered this Fall for around 30 students. Those students are currently working on their applications.

Enrollment Report

As of last week, **2,009 students** are enrolled for the Fall semester. That number is up 12 students from last year at this time. Last year, there were **1,997 students** registered for Fall 2019 semester. Jim Beall said during the meeting that they are positive

about the application movement and they are continuing with the campaigns to drive enrollment.

Housing Report

Currently **393 students** are booked in housing for Fall 2020. Angela Storck, the director of housing, said 11 spaces are being held for student athletes and two spaces are held for CHOICE students. They are continuing to fill beds at Bobcat Villas. Housing has noticed some cancellations because of COVID-19, but they are encouraging and reaching out to students about housing on campus.

SACSCOC Decennial Reaffirmation Process

EGSC has received a report from SACSCOC outlining some areas we need to submit a Focused Report on. EGSC came through the compliance certification not perfect, but **in good shape**. The team working on this project has been writing the focus reports and getting those turned in to the reviewer. After the reviewer looks over them, they will make corrections and turn the reports in to SACSCOC by its due date, which is **August 1**. The Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) is also due on **August 1**. Dr. Sandra Sharman said she is thankful to everyone who helped gather documents and information. All the hard work has really been helpful.

Once SACSCOC receives the Focused Report, they will be look-

ing at the EGSC website. Please appoint someone in your department to manage your site on the website. **Please review and update all information, including employee information, by August 1.**

Reminder:
The SACSCOC
On-Site Review will
be October 6-8,
2020.

EGSC Guidance to Supervisors

EGSC has come up with some guidance for supervisors about COVID-19 and employee testing.

If **someone has COVID-19 or COVID-19 symptoms**, EGSC will ask them to leave campus and get in touch with their supervisor. If they are NOT on campus, the person should not come to campus and should contact their supervisor and seek advice from a healthcare provider.

If **someone has symptoms**, they must have clearance to come back to campus.

If **someone has been diagnosed with COVID-19**, they must notify EGSC's Human Resources Department.

All faculty, staff, students and visitors on campus **must wear a protective face coverings** inside all campus buildings and try to maintain social distancing.

At this time, EGSC is asking that all employees have meetings **online using Zoom** or one of the other software programs that are

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(from front) available.

Protective Face Coverings

The University System of Georgia (USG) has announced new guidance about protective face coverings. **Beginning July 15**, anyone on any USG institution campus must wear a protective face covering in the interior of a building when you are not in a private, enclosed space by yourself. This means protective face coverings are now **mandatory** for students, faculty, staff and visitors while they are inside an EGSC building.

To provide all students, faculty, and staff a protective face covering, EGSC has launched a “**Masks on for EGSC**” campaign to raise money. Private donations, the EGSC Foundation, help from GEMA, and money from the Federal CARES Act funding has helped provide some face coverings. EGSC is in the process of ordering several sets of masks. So far, 3,000 protective face coverings have been ordered. Hopefully, they will be delivered to us in the next two weeks. The coverings will be branded with the EGSC logo. Other face coverings will be ordered through the local company America Knits. We are looking at possibly being able to order 20,000 protective face coverings through them for students, faculty, and staff and replacement masks for throughout the year. They will also be branded with EGSC logo.

GEMA has offered state colleges two free masks for all students, faculty, and staff, and EGSC has received 8,000 coverings.

Access to Campus

Since March, EGSC Police have been at the front entrance monitoring who enters and exits the campus. **That schedule will now change.** You will still have to enter campus at the main entrance. There is a sign posted at the main entrance no-

tifying people of the changes. **On August 5**, the Swainsboro gate will be manned again.

The buildings **will stay locked**, so you must have permission and a key to come on campus. If a visitor is coming to campus to meet you, they **need to call you to let them in** once they make it onto campus. People who are granted access to the building, with or without keys, still need to have their name placed on the list sent to police of people who are allowed on campus.

NOTE: First Day of Classes is August 17 for Swainsboro and Statesboro and August 10 for Augusta!

COVID-19 Training Module

EGSC wants everyone to acknowledge there is a potential risk of COVID-19 on EGSC's campuses. Students, faculty and staff should be aware of the policies that are in place at the college. A D2L course is being made to inform employees and students. There will be a video in the course along with symptom information and other useful resources. There will be a quiz to complete at the end of the course. When the course is ready, it will be announced to everyone.

Budget Update

Dr. Boehmer sent out an email on June 30 that outlines important information about EGSC's budget. EGSC's allocation **went down approximately \$1.2 million**. The overall operating budget declined by about **\$1.6 million**.

I.T. Reminder

When you host a Zoom meeting, **make sure the meeting has a password and a waiting room for participants.** Also, **do not** give links to meetings out on social media. Please

email the participants the link and password information.

Institutional Advancement

The Office of Institutional Advancement will now report under the **President's Office**. The I.A. Office is moving to the Luck Gambrell Building. Most of the staff that were located in the spaces I.A. will now take up will now be located in the George L. Smith Building.

Mongoose Text Messaging System

The **Mongoose Text Messaging system** is a campus notification system. This non-emergency communication system is a texting system meant for two-way communication. It works great for getting important information out to students, especially specific groups of students. If your department **does not have access** to this, please notify Noah Kamsler, Jessica Williamson or another member who already has a line set up on the program.

Welcome Week

Welcome Week is always a big deal for students at the beginning of the semester, but this year will be different because of COVID-19. Welcome Week activities are in the process of **being transitioned outdoors**, and only a limited number of students will be allowed in the JAM Center expansion at one time.

Also, student leaders in clubs and organizations on campus will be trained how to meet safely by cleaning and social distancing.

Alumni News

Susanna Hall, a recent graduate of EGSC, was awarded the Mercer University School of Medicine Physicians for Rural Georgia Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to students

who are committed to practice medicine in medically underserved rural areas of Georgia. Recipients of the scholarship will be named Nathan Deal Scholars.

To apply, students must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in the four-year M.D. program at MUSM and be a Georgia resident with strong ties to rural Georgia. The scholarship covers 85% to 100% MUSM tuition for a maximum of four academic years. Hall sent in her written application in February and participated in a Zoom virtual interview with the Physicians for Rural Georgia Committee in March.

Susanna will begin classes at Mercer University August 10. EGSC would like to wish Susanna the best of luck as she continues her dream of becoming a doctor! Congratulations!

Library Update

The library **won a \$10,000 Georgia Humanities Grant**. This grant will be used to purchase things for students. Some of that money will be spent on 15 wifi hotspots. Students will be able to check these out for a certain amount of time to use them for internet access.

The library has started to prepare for students. All the computers are still available for use but they have been rearranged for social distancing.

Through the CARES Act funding, 40 laptops have been purchased for students to check out - 20 for Swainsboro and 20 for Statesboro. Augusta students will continue using Augusta University laptops to check out.

Human Resources

Have a question for HR?

AskHR – askHR@ega.edu

EGSC Hiring – hiring@ega.edu – employment related questions