

BOBCAT SPOT PLUS!

— More of what's going on at your hometown college!

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Student Accounts

Book Voucher period is currently open and will be open until August 21.

Nelnet Payment Plan will be open through August 19.

Masks required in all EGSC buildings!



August Senior Staff Meeting Recap

Congrats!

Dr. John Cadle has been named the new interim Biology chair. Dr. Cadle has been at EGSC for since 2016. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Zoology from the University of Georgia and his Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of California at Berkeley.

Laura Chambers has been named the President of Faculty Senate. She is an instructor of English and is going into her fourth year at EGSC.

Congratulations!

Dual Enrollment

For Fall 2020, 317 students are registered for Dual Enrollment courses. That number is changing daily because of changes at schools and COVID-19. This number is 10 more students than Fall of last year. There have been 274 applications received for the Fall term. Out of those, 221 students have been accepted and 175 have also been registered.

EGSC was supposed to be at five high schools this Fall. We still have students from those schools register for the Fall term. EGSC is working with each school to see what works best for them and the changes they have made at the school. Some of the schools have moved their dual enrollment classes to fully online while some schools are still allowing EGSC to come to the school to teach courses.

Enrollment Report

As of Friday, August 7, EGSC had 366 students enrolled in wholly

online courses. For regular student enrollment, Swainsboro has 926 students, Statesboro has 839, and Augusta has 367 students. Enrollment is still down around 10% from Fall 2019, but these numbers are not final and there is still time for students to continue registering.

Admissions Update

There have been 2,268 students accepted for the Fall 2020 semester. Around 481 students have withdrawn their applications despite being accepted. That leaves around 1,800 applications to work with for this semester.

Housing Report

Because of COVID-19, Bobcat Villas has seen a number of cancellations. Currently there are 397 students living on campus in Swainsboro.

Note: These numbers can change before the Bobcat Spot PLUS! is published!

President's Report

The SACSCOC Decennial Reaffirmation committee visit is the first week in October. EGSC was recently notified that the visit will be a virtual visit.

The virtual visiting committee will receive the Focus Report with nine areas that the college seemed non-compliant on. The review team needed additional evidence on nine of the principles. This is not an abnormally high number of principals to be asked to share more information about Dr.

Sharman shared with the group. Those nine principles, along with the QEP, will be the focus of the on-site virtual visit. They can ask about any of the principles but the nine and the QEP will be the main focus.

It's important that EGSC employees are familiar with the focus report and the QEP. Anyone can view the QEP on the QEP homepage at <http://www.ega.edu/qep>. The virtual visit will be a different 3-4 days and a lot of virtual meetings.

Dr. Boehmer also stressed that just because this is now a virtual visit doesn't mean we can take this off our calendars. We all need to be ready and make sure we are available.

Fall Return to Campus Plan

The Fall Return to Campus Plan can be found on the EGSC COVID-19 page at <http://www.ega.edu/covid19>. This plan is constantly changing so please keep that in mind when you are looking at it.

Beginning on the first day of classes, August 17, all doors and access to the campus will open.

There has been a physical inspection done on all three campuses to establish max capacities. Floor plans were reviewed for every space and a maximum capacity was established for each space. The capacity number will be posted at the entrance to the rooms. Please keep this in mind when you are scheduling meetings or events in these spaces.

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Protective Face Coverings

Protective face coverings are to be worn inside all buildings on campus. **EGSC has secured almost 32,000 face coverings** for students, faculty and staff. Statesboro and Augusta have already distributed their face coverings. Swainsboro will be distributing August 13 and the first week of classes. All students living in Bobcat Villas were given their face coverings when they moved into housing.

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

COVID-19 Return to Campus Course

The Return to Campus Course can be found in D2L and is for all students, faculty and staff to complete. So far, around 351 people have already taken the course and completed it. It takes about 15-20 minutes to complete. Employees received an email on August 6 about the four-component course. **The course must be complete by AUGUST 17! This is a requirement for ALL faculty and staff!**

EGSC-Statesboro Move to GS Update

Work on the Nessmith-Lane

project is moving along. The project is still on track for Fall 2021, but this is always subject to change.

Swainsboro Campus Bookstore

Beginning **August 17**, the bookstore on the Swainsboro campus will return to normal hours – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The bookstore is offering curbside service for students.

Dining Operations

On Monday, August 10 the Campus Café opened! Their current hours are Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. All orders at the Café will be served to go.

The dining hall will open August 17 with limited seating. Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. From 2:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. deli sandwiches, salads, and pizza will be served and beginning at 4:00 p.m. hot meals will be served until 7:00 p.m.

The coffee shop will open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and will close at 11:00 a.m. on Friday.

Human Resources

Open enrollment for benefits will be held **October 21- November 6**. There will be virtual benefits fair instead of an in-person benefits fair. **The virtual benefits fair will kick off September 24 and be available until October**

23. There will be an email sent out with the link to the virtual fair.

Information Technology

Beginning November 2, I.T. will **no longer let retirees use their EGSC emails**. I.T. is working with retirees to switch from their EGSC email to a personal account.

Institutional Advancement

Mark your calendar! The ribbon cutting for the new JAM Student Center Expansion will be held **October 8, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.** Chancellor Dr. Steve Wrigley is planning to attend the event. The event will be livestreamed for social distancing, so keep an eye out for updates! More information will be provided in emails leading up to the event.

Academic Affairs

EGSC has already submitted the bachelor's degree in business to the central office. The application for the bachelor's degree in human services was recently submitted. Both of these degrees will be voted on in the October council meeting.

Hybrid Course Systems for Fall 2020

In an effort to observe social distancing in the classroom,

classes have been adjusted. Hybrid classes can be done in a few different ways.

Synchronous Hybrid Courses: A portion of the class is face to face and a portion is virtual (using teams or Zoom). The students using the virtual methods must have a computer with a camera.

Hybrid: Still see the students on a rotating basis safely space. A portion of the class will be face to face and a portion of the class will be delivered online – not live.

Faculty members will be reaching out to students about the courses, what kind of course it is, and what is expected in the course. EGSC has also been reaching out to students about how to set up meetings with their instructors – all meetings will be virtual.

RN-BSN Bridge Program Update

Two students are expected to graduate in the Fall! So far, **14 students have been accepted for Fall 2020**. The students age range is 26 to 58 years old and the students are from 12 different counties.

Convocation

Fall Convocation will be held **September 3, 2020 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** The event will be held virtually and will focus on inequality. So far, four events have been planned for convocation. More information will be provided at a later date.

Human Resources

Have a question for HR?

AskHR – askHR@ega.edu

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

Quick Notes:

- If you have an address or banking change, please update this information with Sheila Wentz. You can request a form by emailing her. She will email a form for you to fill out and fax back.
- Fall 2020 classes begin August 17th!
- Fall Late Term: September 8