

BOBCAT SPOT PLUS!

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Upcoming Events

January 23

MLK Event
6 p.m.

Gambrell Building
Auditorium

Speaker: James "Major"
Woodall, President of
GA NAACP

February 1

Eggs & Issues
8 a.m.

Richard Brown
Dining Hall

February 18

Arbor Day
11 a.m.

Beside Ezra Pond
(Near outdoor
volleyball court)

Tree dedicated to Mr.
Danny Vaughn, former
EGSC employee of Plant
Operations

February 21

Economic Outlook Luncheon

11:30 a.m. - Check in
Noon - Program
Gym

February 22

Alumni & Friends
Celebration

6 p.m.
Fulford Center

January Senior Staff Meeting Recap

New Employees

Help us welcome two new employees to the EGSC family!

Roxanne Wimberly is joining the Swainsboro campus in dining operations. She will be part-time and help the department especially with the implementation of the new dining technology. Wimberly is no stranger to EGSC. Her husband, Chuck Wimberly, is the athletic director.

Dana Wright has also joined the EGSC team. She is the new administrative assistant in the president's office. Wright comes to EGSC from the tax office and has previously worked at EGSC.

Dual Enrollment Update

For the Spring 2020 term, there are **308** dual enrollment students registered. That is **one more** student than Fall 2019 semester, but EGSC is down approximately 56 students from last Spring term.

There are roughly **16** students eligible to register for classes that should be registering within this week. Dual enrollment orientation meetings have been taking place.

Enrollment Report

Karen Jones, the Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, gave the Spring 2020 enrollment report. She said in Spring of 2019 enrollment reached **2,412 students**. The goal for this Spring term is to meet that number again. So far, **2,247 students** have registered for classes.

Housing Report

Bobcat Villas is currently booked at **433 students**. There are 21 students on the waiting list for beds.

As of right now, **32** students' housing has been canceled because of financial aid suspension. Students are going through the appeals process. Once the director of housing, Angela Storck, gets an update from financial aid she will know how many students she can keep in housing and how many will have leave. She will fill the beds with waiting list students.

News from the President's Office

SACSCOC Decennial Reaffirmation Process

The deadline for the Compliance Certification, which is part of the SACSCOC (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges) reaffirmation process, is approaching rapidly.

So far, **30 narratives of the 71 in the Compliance Certification have been sent to the hired consultant**. The feedback on those has been received, and **33 more narratives have been sent to the consultant**. Hopefully, by the end of January the presentation of all the narratives can be turned over to the proofreading committee to review. **The Compliance Certification is due March 2, 2020, to SACSCOC**. Dr. Boehmer encouraged everyone who is called on to help with part of the certification to immediately work on the project they are asked to complete or help with.

The QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan), which is also part of the reaffirmation process, is due eight weeks before the SACSCOC reaffirmation team visits EGSC in **October of 2020**. Dr. Sandra Sharman gave an update on the QEP stating that the topic, **Student Learning Communities Learning to Associate**, was passed by the President's Cabinet. They are waiting to hear from the Faculty Senate about their approval.

I.T. News and Updates

The Information Technology Department has been **temporarily relocated** from the George L. Smith Building because of construction. Construction began last week to renovate IT offices, restrooms, and to construct a canopy on the front of the building. During construction, the IT Department will be located at different places across campus.

G. L. Smith Building (Institutional Advancement area) - enter through back door ONLY

Mike Rountree – office A107
Ty Fagler, Joe Canady, Alex Smith (part-time staff) - Conference room
Vicki Sherrod (part-time staff) - center work area

Gambrell Building

Victor Poole, Ashely Woods - library meeting room J507

Academic Building

Wilder Coleman, Teresa Oglesby, Steven Clark, Will Waters - classroom C253

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Employee Giving Campaign The Sweetest Gift

The employee giving campaign went extremely well thanks to all of you! As of last week, EGSC's employee giving percentage **more than doubled** from last year. Approximately **46% of employees** have given. If you would still like to give, you can! You are able to give to employee giving year-round. Contact Karen Guthrie for more information at 478-289-2193.

Damage to The Morgan House

On Christmas Eve between the rain and wind, a tree fell at the Morgan House.

There was no damage to any windows, but a column was taken down on the front of the home by part of the tree. A claim has been filed with the insurance office and estimates for repairs are in progress.

President's Office

Dr. Boehmer announced that EGSC is working with **Crider Foods** on a possible collaboration. Crider Foods is very interested in the possibility of EGSC delivering academic programs to their employees at their three locations. They will be visiting EGSC **January 9**. A team from EGSC will visit Crider Foods **January 21**.

Campus Spotlight Presentation at Fall BOR Meeting:

At the Board of Regents meetings each month a college campus is spotlighted. EGSC will be featured in **August** and Dr. Boehmer needs creative ideas on what he should positively feature about EGSC. The Board of Regents gives colleges four minutes for the presentation. If you have an idea, email it to Dr. Boehmer!

Security Update

On December 19 and 20 door locks were installed in the academic building. The special locks **can be locked from inside a classroom**. These locks can be useful in the case of a security threat or an active shooter.

Student Study Abroad Opportunities in 2020

Before the holiday break, EGSC received a **\$5,000 grant** from the Mill Creek Foundation to pay for students scholarships to study abroad. This is the third \$5,000 donation from the Mill Creek Foundation. EGSC has also received additional money for study abroad.

Upcoming trips:

Italy-Spring Break

3 applicants so far • Finalizing plans soon

Costa Rica - May Term

1 applicant so far • More information to come

If students are interested in studying abroad, there are additional scholarships available. Dr. Carmine Palumbo has more information.

Fall Break Term

Fall Break Term began December 16, 2019 and wrapped up January 6, 2020. A **total of 208 hours** were taken by students, and EGSC made around **\$20,000** from the term. A lot of athletes participated in the term along with students from other colleges.

Jim Beall said there are improvements to be made to the term in years to come. Next year, EGSC may work with Georgia Southern University to improve it and more marketing will be done.

CHOICE Program

The CHOICE Program had **11 students** during the Fall, and all will return in the Spring. Four of those students reside in the resident halls. The program is looking to hire a part-time employee to help with the recruiting process, and they are working on new recruitment materials.

Status of Search for VPASA

Three candidates will be interviewed in January for the position of Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs. One candidate has served in the compacity before and is from Minnesota. The second candidate is from Tennessee and is currently serving in a similar position. The final candidate is Dr. Sandra Sharman, the interim VPASA. The interviewing committee hopes to make a selection that will be forwarded to President Boehmer by January 16.

Library News

The EGSC library will be open from **1-5 p.m. on Sundays** during the Spring term. The library has also combined their

two websites into one to cut down on confusion. The website they will be using is the one through USG. They are also making tutorials to help students. So far, a tutorial on MLA style and APA style have been made. If you have a topic you would like a tutorial video made for, contact the library.

College Readiness Tour

For the seventh year, EGSC will be traveling to area high schools to speak to students about higher education. **The dates of the tour are February 3-7, 12, 14, 24, 25, and 26**. So far, 17 high schools are scheduled on the tour. This number is expected to increase once schools return from holiday break.

This year, the tour will focus on high schools with graduates who are not planning to continue in some type of higher education. **Chatham, Columbia and Richmond County schools are all on the tour**. The group will also reach out to counties that have increased enrollment at EGSC since the college readiness tour visited them.

Dining Operations

The kiosks for the new dining operations technology are being put into place. Work on the menus in the kiosks have started and should be available for use by **January 13**.

The mobile online ordering will go live during the week of **January 21**. Transac, the company the system is through, will have someone at the college during that time.

The kiosks are installed in the dining room, but **the biometric meters will not be active until the first week of February**. Students will activate their palm in the biometric meters as they go through the line.

The entrance and exit to the dining room will be a little different until everything is active.

JAM Expansion Update

The Jean Anderson Morgan Student (JAM) Center expansion is coming along. Workers are working in the interior of the building and the exterior. Site work is being done for sidewalks, sod and an irrigation system. The building's completion date has been moved because an electrical panel needed for the new generator has not come in yet. The ribbon cutting and celebration has been postponed until EGSC receives a more accurate completion date for the expansion.