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# Message from the President

**JULY 14, 2017**

Where has the summer gone? This is the last week of the summer term, and in a matter of weeks, we'll be welcoming new faculty and new students onto the campus. It's an exciting time at Georgia Southern, and promises to be a busy time, too.

The summer has been a hot one already. I am so glad we were able to cool off on Wednesday at the 70th annual Watermelon Cutting. I will always remember my first Watermelon Cutting here at Georgia Southern. I truly fell in love with our University on that day. Seeing our students, faculty and staff together, enjoying the watermelon and good company — it truly exemplifies what this University is all about.

On Wednesday, the Consolidation Implementation Committee met on campus at the Gene Bishop Field House. There, we approved more than 80 recommendations from our Operational Working Groups — recommendations that dealt with everything from student academics and services to University branding and the campus master plan. With just two more CIC meetings left, we are quickly reaching our destination on the path toward the new Georgia Southern.

I am so proud of the work all of you have accomplished in the seven short months since this consolidation was announced. Georgia Southern has a bright future, with exciting opportunities on the horizon, and I look forward to the heights we'll reach together.

Jaimie Hebert  
President