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Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia Approves Mission Statement for the New Georgia Southern University

STATESBORO, Ga. (April 19, 2017)-In a vote today, the Board of Regents (BOR) of the University System of Georgia (USG) approved the mission statement for the new Georgia Southern University. The vote was included on the agenda for the Board of Regents meeting on April 18-19 at the College of Coastal Georgia. On April 7, the Armstrong State University/Georgia Southern University Consolidation Implementation Committee (CIC) supported the proposed mission statement recommended by an Operational Working Group including representatives from both universities.

The approved mission statement, an essential element in the consolidation of Armstrong State University and Georgia Southern University, captures the current educational and economic development priorities and traditions of excellence of each institution to provide a foundation for building a stronger university focused on student-centered teaching and learning. The complete mission statement is as follows:

Georgia Southern University is a public comprehensive and Carnegie Doctoral/Research university offering associate, bachelors, masters, and doctoral degrees in nationally accredited programs in the liberal arts, sciences, and professional disciplines.

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The University provides transformative learning opportunities to meet the needs of a diverse student population through its legacy of commitment to academic excellence and personal attention. Through the shared resources of its multiple locations, the University creates vibrant learning environments that foster an inclusive, student-centered culture of engagement designed to prepare students for lifelong service as scholars, leaders, and responsible stewards of their communities. The University enhances the quality of life and drives economic development in the Coastal Georgia region, the State of Georgia, and beyond by supporting collaborative efforts in technological innovation, scientific advancement, education, health services, artistic creativity, and cultural enrichment. Faculty, staff, and students embrace the values of integrity, civility, kindness, respect, sustainability, citizenship, and social responsibility in every facet of the University.

The Board of Regents approval of the mission statement recommendation comes after the announcement of the new Georgia Southern's [senior leadership organizational structure](#), announced on April 11. In March, several recommendations were supported by the CIC, including the naming of the Armstrong Campus in Savannah and the Liberty Campus in Hinesville.

On Jan. 11, 2017, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia voted to consolidate Armstrong State University and Georgia Southern University, ultimately creating a new Georgia Southern University with three campus locations in Savannah, Hinesville and Statesboro. CIC members, Functional Area co-chairs and Operational Working Groups uniting Armstrong and Georgia Southern faculty and staff are currently examining and working through all aspects of the consolidation.

For updates regarding the consolidation between Georgia Southern University and Armstrong State University, please visit consolidation.GeorgiaSouthern.edu

ABOUT ARMSTRONG STATE UNIVERSITY:

[Armstrong State University](#), part of the University System of Georgia, was founded in 1935. Today, the university offers more than 100 undergraduate and graduate academic programs in the College of Liberal Arts, the College of Science and Technology, the College of Education and the College of Health Professions. Armstrong serves approximately 7,100 students at its main campus in Savannah and at a regional center in Hinesville. The university's diverse student population comes from 43 states, the District of Columbia and 67 countries.

ABOUT GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY:

[Georgia Southern University](#), a public Carnegie Doctoral/Research University founded in 1906, offers more than 125 degree programs serving 20,673 students. Through eight colleges, the University offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs built on more than a century of academic achievement. Georgia Southern is recognized for its student-centered and hands-on approach to education.

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