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Message from the President

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Good afternoon.

As you all know, the consolidation of Georgia Southern University and Armstrong State University was voted on and approved by the Board of Regents on January 11, 2017. On February 1, 20 members from each University were charged by University System of Georgia Chancellor Steve Wrigley as members of the Consolidation Implementation Committee (CIC) along with one member from Savannah State University. The responsibility of the CIC is to work out the many details associated with the consolidation.

This week, there will be a training session for the CIC and the functional area co-chairs as well as Operational Work Group (OWG) co-chairs who have been identified by the USG. Only after the functional area co-chairs have decided what additional OWGs are needed in each area, will the membership of those groups – consisting of individuals from each university – be charged.

The only two decisions that have been made are 1) the name of the new University – Georgia Southern University and 2) the president – Jaimie Hebert. The USG has a well-established process for consolidations and how recommendations and decisions are made and we will adhere to that process.

We are looking to consolidate these two extraordinary institutions into one that incorporates and preserves the history and tradition of both and serves students in a more strategic way. This will require participation and the best ideas from the entire Georgia Southern and Armstrong State communities.

I will provide periodic updates on the process as we move forward. In addition, the website consolidation.georgiasouthern.edu will feature the most up-to-date information as it becomes available. If you would like to share your comments or questions, you may email consolidation@georgiasouthern.edu.

Thank you for helping to build a new and better Georgia Southern University for our students and our state.

Sincerely,

Jaimie L. Hebert
President
Georgia Southern University