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## Appointments to the Senior Organizational Structure

*Effective January 1, 2018, contingent upon the Board of Regents' approval of the new, consolidated institution, except as noted.*



### **Trip Addison** Vice President for University Advancement and External Affairs

A "Double Eagle" graduate of Georgia Southern, Trip Addison joined the University administration in 2015. Before returning to his alma mater, Addison served in various state government roles, including deputy budget director and policy advisor to Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal.

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### **Christopher Curtis** Vice President for Armstrong and Liberty Campus Operations

Christopher Curtis, Ph.D., is a professor of History and currently serves as the Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Armstrong State University. He has worked at Armstrong since 2013 and previously held the offices of the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and the Chair of the Department of History. Prior to coming to Savannah, Curtis held faculty and administrative positions at Claxton University and Iowa State University.

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### **Georj Lewis** Vice President for Student Affairs

Georj Lewis, Ed.D., is Armstrong State University's current vice

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president for Student Affairs, having served since 2013. He previously worked at Indiana University Northwest and as dean of students at Georgia Southern for nine years.

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### **Rob Whitaker** **Vice President for Finance and Operations**

Robert L. Whitaker joined the Georgia Southern University administration in 2013. He brings more than 24 years of success in financial management positions and higher education positions within the University System of Georgia. In these roles, Whitaker was instrumental in providing leadership to the business and finance function and developing, constructing and managing more than \$326 million in privatized housing, food service and student center functions.

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### **Jana Briley** **Chief Auditor**

As a “Double Eagle,” Jana Briley brings more than 27 years of experience as an accounting professional and holds the professional designation of Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) and Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE).

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### **Maura Copeland** **Executive Counsel**

Maura Copeland has served Georgia Southern for more than 10 years, first as Associate University Attorney and then as Associate Vice President for Legal Affairs. Prior to Georgia Southern, she served as a judicial law clerk in Pennsylvania and Georgia.

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### **Amy R. Heaston** **Chief of Staff in the Office of the President**



Amy R. Heaston, Ed.D., is Armstrong State University's current Chief of Staff in the Office of the President, having served in this role since 2010. Previously she served as associate provost and associate professor of education at Georgia Southern University.

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**Tom Kleinlein**  
**Athletic Director**

Tom Kleinlein was officially announced as Georgia Southern's Director of Athletics on Nov. 12, 2012. A former college football player at Wake Forest University, Kleinlein joined the Eagles following two years at Kent State University, where he served as the deputy athletics director, and five years at Arizona State University, where he served as the associate athletics director for football.

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**Leigh Price**  
**Executive Associate to the President**

Leigh Price joined Georgia Southern University as an administrative specialist in the Office of the President in 2006. Price brings more than 10 years of managerial and business experience to her position, previously serving as a recreation manager and supervisor at the Hyatt Regency Hilton Head and as the owner/operator of a small business.

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**Ron Stalnaker**  
**Chief Information Officer**

Ron Stalnaker brings more than 20 years of experience in higher education, corporate technology and leadership to his role as Chief Information Officer. Prior to his 12 years with Georgia Southern, he worked at IBM Global Services, leading projects and offering strategic guidance to Fortune 500 companies and state and local government entities.

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Additional Appointments

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**Lisa M. Sweany**  
**Deputy Athletic Director** (*effective July 1, 2017*)

Lisa M. Sweany brings more than 15 years of award-winning experience to her current role as the director of athletics at Armstrong State University. In 2017, she was named an Under Armour Athletics Director of the Year for NCAA Division II and brought the Pirates unprecedented success both on and off the playing field.

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**Kelly Crosby**  
**Director of Risk and Compliance**

Kelly J. Crosby is currently the chief audit officer in Armstrong State University's Office of Internal Audit, overseeing risk assessment, audit activities and compliance with state guidelines. She is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) and a Certified Law Enforcement Auditor (CLEA) with a B.B.A. in Public Accounting from Georgia Southern University.

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**Lee Davis**  
**Deputy Executive Counsel**

E. Lee Davis, Esq. is currently University Counsel at Armstrong State University, and is the former Associate Vice President for Legal Affairs at Georgia Southern University. He earned his J.D. cum laude from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1991 after graduating summa cum laude from Georgia Southern in 1987.

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**Tim Moody**  
**Deputy Chief Information Officer**

Tim Moody, an information technology leader with 23 years of industry experience, serves as the Chief Information Officer at Armstrong State University. Moody has excelled at Fortune 500 companies and in higher education and is recognized as a strategic technical innovator and accomplished IT executive.

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**Bill Kelso**  
**Associate Vice President for University Advancement**

William (Bill) Kelso is the Vice President for Advancement at Armstrong State University, and joined the University



administration 2012. Kelso has more than 26 years of professional experience working at Armstrong, serving in a variety of roles. In addition to his University service, Kelso has also served in many community and service organization roles.

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