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Fall Semester

Meet the Team

We're starting the new academic year under the leadership of **Michael McCurdy, Interim Director** who brings his expertise in leadership, course design, faculty support, and multimodal teaching strategies.

"I am grateful and honored to take on the role of Interim Director of the Faculty Center at Georgia Southern University. The Faculty Center has an incredible team of professionals and academics dedicated to the success of Georgia Southern full-time, part-time, and graduate-student faculty in teaching & learning, research & scholarship, and leadership development. We understand that by supporting Georgia Southern faculty, we are also supporting our Georgia Southern students."



-Michael McCurdy, Interim Director of The Faculty Center

The Faculty Center team currently consists of Instructional Coordinators Debbie Walker, Laura Reefer, Dr. Larissa Pires, Administrative Assistant Teresa Durham, and Interim Director Michael McCurdy. We are a small but mighty team, and we look forward to enhancing our services for faculty support, student success, and leadership development.







What's New

We started the new academic year with a successful **New Faculty Orientation**, meeting over 70 new faculty members.

We also launched a new line of workshops called **Lunch and Learn**, with webinars scheduled throughout the year. **SIGN UP!**

The Faculty Center is also offering 3 **Book Studies** this semester! Register early to get the book prior to the first meeting.

Register by clicking the links below:

<u>Teach Students How to Learn</u>: Meets Fridays Sept. 2, 16, & 30 from 12 - 1 <u>Teach Students How to Learn</u>: Meets Tuesdays Oct. 11, 18, & 25 from 1 - 2 <u>Candid Advice for New Faculty</u>: Meets Wednesdays Sept. 14 & 28 from 3 - 4 <u>Candid Advice for New Faculty</u>: Meets Thursdays Oct. 6 & 20 from 11 - 12 <u>How Learning Works</u>: Meets Tuesdays Sept 13, 20, & 27 from 4 - 5

The Faculty Center offers various opportunities for professional development, so please periodically **check our page for training offerings**.

Ongoing

We continue our participation in the <u>ACUE (Association of College and University</u> <u>Educators)</u> and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's \$1.5 million grant on evidence-based teaching for student success. After successfully completing all modules and implementation pieces, GS participating faculty will receive a nationally recognized credential from ACUE.

Faculty Center Library of Resources

The Faculty Center has always maintained well-stocked book resources in each campus office. Thanks to the online catalogue service **LibraryThing**, we are able to let you browse our books on a massive variety of topics before requesting a book.

To reserve a book, please submit a <u>helpdesk ticket</u> for the Faculty Center after exploring <u>our</u> <u>catalog</u>. All guidelines and book request information can be found on <u>our website</u>.

Award Nomination

*Call for proposals: May 1, 2022 - August 30, 2022.
For more information, access our Awards page.

The Faculty Senate Faculty Development Committee announces the availability of funding in support of faculty development activities for professional growth in teaching and learning and classroom instruction. Requests may include conference registration and/or travel or supplies for creative projects that improve the instructional process.



SoTL COMMONS CONFERENCE - February 15-17, 2023: CALL FOR PROPOSAL

Call for proposals for our annual international conference on Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) opens **August 24, 2022**, and ends **October 31, 2022**. Visit <u>SoTL Commons Call for Proposals</u> for more information.

REMINDER

The Faculty Center also offers classroom observation reports, student feedback, syllabus and course examination, and overall consultation. Contact us and let us help you reach your professional goals.

WISHING YOU A SUCCESSFUL FALL SEMESTER!

Register for FC Events & Training

FACULTY CENTER EVENTS & TRAINING

Don't forget to register for FC events and training opportunities.

Preparing for Retirement: Financially, Emotionally, and Socially launch

This <u>faculty learning community</u> is for faculty who are considering retirement somewhere in the next five years. We will meet every other week for six weeks over zoom to discuss topics such as preparing financially, how our identities shift after retirement, and how to create new social and recreational opportunities. Dr. Adrienne Cohen, a social gerontologist, faculty in Sociology, and director of the Center for Social Gerontology, will facilitate the FLC.

Teaching Online Courses?

The GS Distance Education Policy states that faculty must complete training with the Faculty Center to teach online courses. Completion of the <u>Teaching Online Courses (TOC)</u> program fulfills this requirement.

Register for a session to be ready for spring!

<u>Fall 2022 Session A</u>: August 29 – October 16 <u>Fall 2022 Session B</u>: October 24 – December 11

Badging Update launch

The Faculty Center is excited to introduce an expansion of the Badging Program! The Badging Program is designed to assist faculty in documenting professional growth in teaching, research, scholarship, and leadership development. Seven (7) Badge Tracks allow faculty to show breadth of training across topics and Six (6) levels show depth of training. Through action plans and capstone reflections, faculty will create evidence of, and showcase commitment to, professional growth. Check out the FC Badging Webpage and the Badge Infographic for more detailed information.



Badge Tracks:

- Evidence-Based Teaching (EBT)
- High Impact Educational Practices (HIPs)
- Meaningful and Manageable Assessment (MMA)
- Metaliteracy: Scholarly Communications (MSC)
- Professional Growth & Leadership (PGL)
- Research, Grants, and Scholarship (RGS)
- Teaching with Technology (TWT)

Join the Transformation! Affordable Materials Grants, Round 22

You have the opportunity to save students money on textbook costs and increase access to educational materials with an Affordable Materials Grant! Affordable Learning Georgia is issuing a Request for Proposals for Affordable Materials Grants: Round 22: Due at EOD on Monday, Oct. 31, 2022.



MyHelp Ticket System

Our goal is to meet the professional development needs of faculty in a timely manner. To assist us with this goal, we have adopted the MyHelp ticket system!

Click here to submit a Ticket

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