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Mack is new dean of College of Graduate Studies

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Timothy P. Mack is the new dean of the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies at Georgia Southern University.

Mack comes to Georgia Southern from Virginia Tech University, where he served as associate dean for Information Technology and Distance Education. He had primary responsibility for graduate education in Virginia Tech's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

The Averitt College of Graduate Studies administers graduate degree programs in more than 40 majors, concentrations and emphasis areas. More than 1,900 graduate students were enrolled at Georgia Southern last year.

Mack was a faculty member at Auburn University from 1981 through 1994. He held a 75 percent/25 percent teaching appointment in the Zoology-Entomology Department.

He moved to Virginia Tech in 1994 and served as head of the Department of Entomology through 2003. He also served as the assistant dean for Information Technology from 1999 through 2003.

Mack led the development of a sophomore-level online course entitled 'Insects and Human Society' that grew to a regular enrollment of more than 600 students per semester. In addition, graduate student enrollment in the Department of Entomology increased from an average of 15 students to 27.

Mack became the associate dean for Information Technology and Distance Education in 2004. He led the development of a new online master's degree that involved 32 faculty teaching more than 24 online courses.

Working with the dean and others, Mack helped to increase graduate enrollment in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences from about 250 in 2003 to more than 400 in 2007.

Mack also led the development of new college-wide standards for treatment of graduate students, defining time limits for funding of graduate students, improving recruitment of graduate students, and increasing the number of funded assistantships.

Since 2003, Mack has been the national leader of the Food and Agriculture Education Information System (FAEIS). The organization compiles national higher education data on the food, life, human, natural resource, veterinary, and agricultural sciences. The data includes undergraduate and graduate student enrollment and placement information, and faculty salary information.

In his career, Mack has had more than 240 publications and taught over 4,000 students. He has received two national teaching awards and garnered more than \$4 million in grants, including more than \$1 million in teaching-related grants.

Mack received a B.A. in biology from Colgate University. He received an M.S. and a Ph.D. in entomology from Pennsylvania State University.

Mack and his wife have five children, including one who has transferred to Georgia Southern.

For more information on the Averitt College of Graduate Studies, visit <http://cogs.georgiasouthern.edu/> , email tmack@georgiasouthern.edu or call (912) 681-0578.