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Georgia Southern alumna Semratedu named to COST Advisory Board

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Amy C. Semratedu has been named to the Advisory Board of the Allen E. Paulson College of Science and Technology (COST) at Georgia Southern University.

An alumna of the University, Semratedu is a technical specialist for the BASF Functional Polymers Carpet Business in North America. She works at the BASF facility in Dalton, Ga.

Semratedu will serve on the COST Advisory Board's education committee and strategic planning committee. The present focus of the education committee is to recommend modifications to the degree programs to improve understanding of the challenges and solutions of sustainable development.

Meanwhile, the strategic planning committee is focused on developing and helping to implement a fund-raising initiative to secure the infrastructure necessary to teach and conduct research on sustainable development, including the funding of a "green" building and endowments for sustainability research.

"It's a great honor for me to serve my alma mater," Semratedu said. "My first major committee assignment, which involves the college's aspiration to build a new LEED-certified building on campus, is especially exciting for me, considering the broad range of BASF products that help to make construction and buildings more sustainable."

LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. It is a building rating system that promotes design and construction practices that increase profitability while reducing the negative environmental impacts of buildings and improving occupant health and well-being.

"My access to BASF experts in sustainable construction will be valuable to the building project and in my role to help develop a curriculum that will incorporate the principles of sustainable development through the College of Science and Technology," Semratedu said.

Semratedu graduated from Georgia Southern in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in geology.

"Mrs. Semratedu has routinely returned to the Department of Geology and Geography to provide seminars and guest lectures for the students and faculty," said Bret Danilowicz, dean of COST. "We now look forward to building upon that relationship and benefiting from her knowledge as a graduate and a professional working in the field of sustainability to improve the programs and infrastructure of the college."

"We're very pleased that Amy has been recognized as a valuable resource by Georgia Southern University," said Bert Templeton, business manager for BASF Functional Polymers Carpet Business in North America. "Her intelligence, dedication and integrity help improve the success of any endeavor to which she contributes."

Georgia Southern University, a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University, offers more than 120 degree programs serving nearly 17,000 students. Through eight colleges, the University offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs built on more than a century of academic achievement. The University, one of Georgia's largest, is a top choice of Georgia's HOPE scholars and is recognized for its student-centered approach to education.