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Georgia Southern University Names Ronald J. Core, Ed.D. Interim Vice President of Business and Finance

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Georgia Southern University has named Ronald J. Core, Ed.D. as interim vice president of business and finance. He replaces Joe Franklin who recently retired following a distinguished career at the institution.

Dr. Core, who has 33 years of experience in higher education administration, previously served as vice president of business and finance at Georgia Southern University from 1997-2004. Prior to returning to Georgia Southern University, Dr. Core served as vice chancellor of business affairs for University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNC Wilmington) with an enrollment of more than 12,000 students. While at UNC Wilmington, Dr. Core was responsible for the operations of

the Business Affairs Division which included Finance, Facilities, Business Services and University Police.

"We are pleased to welcome Dr. Core back to Georgia Southern University and Statesboro," said Bruce Grube, president of Georgia Southern University. "He is not only familiar with Georgia Southern University, but has a thorough understanding of our operations given his prior experience at the institution."

"I am very pleased to be back at Georgia Southern and have maintained many close relationships at the University and within the state of Georgia during the past four years," said Dr. Core. "Quite a bit has changed since I was last here. With the continued growth and development of our institution, not only in academic quality, but in physical size, it is an exciting time to be at Georgia Southern University."

Prior to joining Georgia Southern in 1997, Dr. Core served as executive vice president for Mississippi University for Women. Earlier in his career, he served in increasingly responsible leadership roles at Western Carolina University and Bowling Green State University.

Dr. Core earned a Doctor of Education in Higher Education Administration from the University of Georgia. He also earned a Master of Arts in Education in Higher Education Administration from Western Carolina University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Bowling Green State University.

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