TO: Dr. Rob Pirro, Chair, Senate Executive Committee
FROM: Jaimie Hebert, Ph.D., President
DATE: October 20, 2017
SUBJECT: October 16, 2017, Faculty Senate Recommendation: Consolidation Review Committee

Following review of the recommendation adopted by the Faculty Senate at the October 16, 2017, Faculty Senate meeting, as provided in your memo of October 17, 2017, I have approved the motion below presented to the Senate.

Motion(s):

To form a Consolidation Review Committee to review potential problems related to consolidation that require immediate action and make recommendations to the President.

Rationale:

Some problems concerning consolidation will require immediate attention. For example, the College of Business Administration is going to be housed in Statesboro but continue to offer some courses on the Armstrong campus. The Department of Biology will be housed in Statesboro, but the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry will be housed in Savannah. This could severely impact the synergy between these two departments, including the reduction of applications to extramural funding agencies. It may turn out that the split of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will similarly have negative effects. The presence of three colleges on the Armstrong campus could result in further consolidation of programs during this transition process. A faculty-driven committee with representation from all Georgia Southern University campuses is needed to identify problems as they arise and make appropriate policy recommendations. Although some operational working groups are working on these matters, a small task force could focus on more specific problems and advise the President on problems that require immediate action.

c: Diana Cone
    Candace Griffith
    Bob Jackson
TO: Dr. Jaimie Hebert, President  
FROM: Dr. Diana Cone  
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
DATE: October 20, 2017  
SUBJECT: Faculty Senate Recommendation, October 16, 2017: Consolidation Review Committee

I recommend approval of the actions contained in the October 16, 2017, Faculty Senate meeting.

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pc: Dr. Bob Jackson  
Ms. Candace Griffith
TO: Jaimie Hebert, Ph.D., President
FROM: Dr. Rob Pirro, Chair, Senate Executive Committee
DATE: October 18, 2017
SUBJECT: October 16, 2017, Faculty Senate Recommendation: Consolidation Review Committee

I am pleased to report that the Senate recommends approval of the motion presented at the October 16, 2017, Faculty Senate meeting.

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