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## CAH Candidate Statements

Gautam Kundu

I've been on Georgia Southern University campus since the early Nineties and have served my department and the university community in one capacity or another, and I have seen many changes in how we operate and how we deal with the future. If I'm elected to as one of the seven Faculty Senate Alternates, I would hope to use my experience as a senior faculty member as well as former member of the Faculty Senate (2004—2006) and as Faculty Senate Alternate (2003—2004) to help guide us through good times and bad, especially as we face and reckon with the many demanding changes posed by the ongoing university consolidation processes and with the beginning of a new Presidential tenure. I have served on a number of Faculty Senate committees in the past (for instance, Faculty Senate Parking and Transportation Committee during 2004—2005, and as the Chair of Faculty Senate Research Committee, during 2005-2006). I believe that it's my duty, as a faculty member, to serve the university when and where I can, contributing to the principle and practice of shared governance. I believe in the faculty's central role in proper academic planning in an R2 university such as ours, and, most important, in helping shape and implement policies and procedures to ensure the university's commitment to offer a diverse and inclusive learning experiences for all of our students.

I would be honoured to serve as an Alternate on the Georgia Southern University Faculty Senate.

Grant Gearheart

I received my PhD from UNC Chapel Hill in 2015 and have been a faculty member on the Armstrong Campus since then. Presently I am an Assistant Professor of Spanish in the Department of Foreign Languages. Since arriving in Savannah, among other things I have served on a number of committees for my department and college, I have coordinated the Latino/a Heritage Film Festival, and I have directed the Language Resource Center. My efforts were recognized with the 2018 Kristina Brockmeier Faculty Award and the 2017 Outstanding Faculty Award for the Latino Heritage Celebration. I also maintain an active research agenda that focuses primarily on medieval and early modern chivalric literature from Spain, as well as language pedagogy. I have published articles in *Romance Notes*, *Letras Hispanas*, *Hispanic Journal*, *The Language Educator*, the *ADFL Bulletin*, and the *Journal of Popular Culture*. Presently I am completing a chapter for inclusion in *A Cultural History of Sport in the Middle Ages (600-1450)* (Bloomsbury Press). I have been curious about serving in the Faculty Senate for a while, and after speaking with colleagues now is the right time. I would enjoy the opportunity to represent the Armstrong Campus faculty members in this important capacity as we move forward as one Georgia Southern University.