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Georgia Southern University President Brooks Keel, Ph.D., has named Charles Patterson, Ph.D., Vice President of Research. Patterson previously served as Associate Vice President in the Office of Research Services and Sponsored Programs at the University. He will continue in his current role as Dean of Georgia Southern's Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies.

"As Georgia Southern moves forward in expanding its research efforts, Dr. Patterson will play an integral role in the formation of the research and academic agenda at the University," said Keel. "The Vice President for Research is responsible for the strategic growth of the University's research enterprise, which includes everything from encouraging partnerships with industry and other educational institutions to ensuring that all of our undergraduate and graduate students have ample research opportunities. Dr. Patterson's academic and professional background has prepared him well for this new role."

"I am very honored to serve as Vice President for Research at Georgia Southern University," said Patterson. "Georgia Southern is a magnificent university and has an excellent opportunity to strategically grow externally-funded research, promote economic development and further its scholarship and creative activity. I look forward to being part of the team to help realize the strategic goals and initiatives embraced by President Keel."

Patterson graduated magna cum laude from Mississippi State University with a B.S. degree in biochemistry and earned his Ph.D. in biomedical sciences from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. He also conducted postdoctoral research at UT Southwestern Medical Center. Patterson is a Certified Research Administrator, a member of the National Council of University Research Administrators and a member of the Association of University Technology Managers.

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