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Georgia Southern University President Brooks Keel, Ph.D. has named Jean Bartels, Ph.D., RN, CNL provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at Georgia Southern University. Bartels, who will serve a three-year appointment, will begin her new role on July 1, 2012.

Since April 2011, Bartels has served as the dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences at Georgia Southern. She earlier served as interim provost and vice president for Academic Affairs from July 2010 to April 2011. Earlier, she served as chair of Georgia Southern's School of Nursing from 1999 to 2010 where she led the Nursing program to a level of national prominence documented by its consistent ranking by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top schools of nursing in the country.

"I am excited to appoint Jean Bartels to this important position at Georgia Southern University. She has earned the respect of her colleagues and is a highly-sought consultant on curriculum and higher education across the nation. She has risen through the faculty ranks and has demonstrated an impressive commitment to our students," said Keel. "I am confident that Jean has the knowledge, talents, and drive that will be needed in her new role."

In addition to the administrative positions she has held at Georgia Southern, her service to the University has included being elected as Chair of the Council of Deans, Chair of the Institutional Strategic Planning Committee, member of the President's Task Force on Online Programs, and member of the President's Task Force on Program Review.

"I am honored to be selected as Georgia Southern University's next provost and vice president for Academic Affairs," said Bartels. "I look forward to working with Georgia Southern's extraordinary administrators, faculty and staff as we continue to move the University to its next level of excellence and accomplishment in teaching, scholarship, and service to all of our communities of interest."

Bartels has served as President of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, an organization that represents more than 600 schools of nursing across the country and is the most influential entity in higher education for nursing. Additionally, she has given testimony to the Sullivan Committee, chaired by the former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In her scholarly efforts, she has published more than 30 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters, co-authored a book, and written at least three key white papers on higher education. She has been recognized for several fellowships, including one from the National Institutes of Health.

Prior to joining Georgia Southern, she served as the Chair of Nursing at Alverno College in Milwaukee, Wis. from 1990 to 1999 and worked as a staff nurse in the Intensive Care Unit at Columbia Hospital in Milwaukee. She earned a Ph.D. in Nursing from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, a Master of Science in Nursing from Marquette University, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Alverno College and a Diploma in Nursing from the Columbia Hospital School of Nursing. She is a past recipient of the Sister Bernadette Armiger Award, the highest honor given by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN).

Her practice and research experiences have focused on community-based nursing practice and education as well as the health care needs of individuals responding to chronic illnesses including those experiencing acute neurological, cardiovascular, and respiratory impairments. She has also conducted research in a variety of nursing practice and higher education areas. Most recently, her scholarship has focused on teaching, learning, critical thinking and outcome assessment in nursing education. Her current research and writing activities focus on the development and measurement of teaching, learning, and assessment outcomes in nursing and higher education. She has served on the educational policies committees, discipline deans committees, curriculum committees, strategic planning councils, and research and assessment councils at Alverno College and Georgia Southern. She has taught theory and clinical practice in all areas of the nursing curriculum.

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Savannah Technical College President Kathy Love, Ed.D. and Georgia Southern University President Brooks Keel, Ph.D. signed an articulation agreement today for Logistics Management between the two institutions of higher education.

"We are pleased to announce the beginning of an important partnership for workforce development in our region," said Love. "This agreement makes this critically important program accessible not only for Savannah, but for all of Coastal Georgia."

The articulation agreement lays the foundation for students to complete a new 74-credit hour associate of science degree in Logistics Management at Savannah Tech. Students will then be able to articulate or transfer their coursework in its entirety to Georgia Southern University toward the bachelor's degree in business

administration, logistics and intermodal transportation.

"This new partnership is great for students, great for the state of Georgia and great for both area and international business," said Keel. "With the growth of the port in Savannah as well as others on the east coast of the United States, there is a growing demand for well-educated and well-trained professionals in the field of logistics. This agreement ensures that we will be able to supply a steady and outstanding pipeline of talent to area businesses for years to come."

The agreement next goes to both governing boards for signature and endorsement. Savannah Technical College projects to begin offering the program beginning with the fall 2012 semester. Upon board approval, Savannah Technical College will be the first college in the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) to offer an associate of science degree in Logistics Management curriculum. In addition to general core courses, the program will feature 14 semester hours in logistics-related coursework – including supply chain management, transportation and logistics management, warehousing technology and materials management.

“This program of study grew out of the regional partnership we forged together while working on a regional Work Ready grant to improve workforce development along the I-95 corridor,” said Love. “Today we mark an important step toward actualizing that goal of providing the full range of career development in logistics for southeast Georgia.”

The Department of Management, Marketing and Logistics in the College of Business Administration at Georgia Southern offers the bachelor of business administration (BBA) degree in the area of Logistics and Intermodal Transportation (LIT). This degree is one of Georgia Southern’s fastest growing majors serving the needs of a dynamic industry. Logistics involves ensuring the availability of the right product, in the right quantity and the right condition, at the right place, at the right time, for the right customer, at the right cost. Intermodal transportation is combining the cost and/or service advantages of more than one mode of transportation in an efficient, seamless product movement.

The degree prepares students for the many jobs available in this challenging and rapidly expanding field. LIT courses focus on logistics and transportation concepts and principles. Advanced courses focus on logistics operations, international logistics, and intermodal distribution issues.

Thanks to an agreement signed earlier this year by the University System of Georgia (USG) Board of Regents, there are now 27 core curriculum courses transferrable to USG institutions from TCSG institutions accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. The increased number of courses enhances how TCSG students are able to pursue baccalaureate degree opportunities at USG institutions. The new articulation agreement provides Savannah Tech students a pathway to transfer their courses to the Logistics and Intermodal Transportation BBA degree from Georgia Southern.

“Long term, Georgia Southern is looking at how higher education can better serve the needs of students in Georgia. We must ensure that we are remaining competitive on a national and global level,” said Keel. “This collaborative partnership is just the beginning. It is a great example of how we can partner to not only put our students in a position to win, but to have a positive and lasting impact on workforce and economic development in our region.”

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