Georgia Southern Armstrong Campus to host mayoral, city council forums

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The Georgia Southern University Armstrong Campus will be the site of forums for all of the Savannah city council races, including mayor, district candidates and at large candidates. The forum for mayoral candidates and for districts one and three candidates is Oct. 10, while the forum for at large candidates and for districts two and six candidates is Oct. 17.

“We see hosting this type of forum not only as a public service to the community but as part of the mission of the university,” Ned Rinalducci, Ph.D., associate professor of sociology, said. “Georgia Southern University has a civic responsibility to the citizens of Southeast Georgia, and we take pride in engaging with our communities.”

WSAV news anchor Tina Tyus-Shaw will moderate the forum on Oct. 10, while reporter Martin Staunton will moderate on Oct.17. A committee that includes faculty, students and members of the press will compose questions for the forums. Questions from the public are welcomed but must be submitted to the committee for approval at erinalducci@georgiasouthern.edu.

“The forums continue a tradition at Armstrong of having political candidates for local office come to campus and answer questions related to their policy positions and platforms,” Rinalducci said. “We held our last mayoral forum four years ago and have held several for Savannah-Chatham County School Board and school board president since then.”

Both forums are from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Armstrong Center auditorium, and they’re sponsored by the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, and the Department of Political Sciences and International Studies.

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