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New hire oversees daily administrative and operational duties within Georgia Southern's football program

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STATESBORO, Ga. - [Sean Fitzgerald](#) has been named as the director of operations for the Georgia Southern football program, as announced by head coach [Chad Lunsford](#). Fitzgerald will oversee the daily administrative and operational duties within Georgia Southern's football program, the handling of team travel, and other assorted responsibilities to ensure that the program functions smoothly and efficiently.

"[Sean Fitzgerald](#) has worn many hats within our program and I'm excited to announce him as our new ops director," Lunsford said. "He proved himself in the interim role this spring and will be a valuable member of our team moving forward. I'm looking forward to him hitting the ground running in this new role for him, one that is of vital importance to this program."

Fitzgerald is a familiar name to the GS program as he has served the Eagles in several capacities prior to his current role. In his first stint at Georgia Southern, he served as quality control coach while assisting with the running backs in 2016. He returned to Statesboro for the back half of the 2018 season and assumed duties as the interim director of video operations as the Eagles won 10 games, including the Raycom Media Camellia Bowl.

In between his stays at Georgia Southern, he was the running backs coach at Wagner College, mentoring senior running back Ryan Fulse, who had a breakout final year. Fulse was named a 2018 FCS First-Team All-American and first-team all-conference, and was a finalist for the prestigious Walter Payton Award, regarded as the Heisman Trophy of the FCS, emblematic of the nation's top offensive player. Fulse finished the season second in all of FCS football with 1,710 yards rushing and ranked No. 1 in all off FCS football in all-purpose yardage (177.36 yards per game).

Fitzgerald's college coaching resume also includes a five-year tenure on the staff at his alma mater, the University of Central Florida.

After serving five years as the Knights' equipment manager, he worked his way to offensive quality control coach where his responsibilities including the execution of all defensive film input/breakdowns and weekly opponent reports. In this role, Fitzgerald also handled all weekly self-scout input and duties, helped aid with the offensive game-planning, in addition to working with the wide receivers, running backs and quarterbacks.

In 2012, Fitzgerald earned a B.S. in general business management at UCF before going on to earn a master of science degree in communications in 2013.

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