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TO: Dr. Rob Pirro, Chair, Senate Executive Committee

FROM: Jaimie Hebert, Ph.D., President 

DATE: November 29, 2017

SUBJECT: **November 27, 2017, Faculty Senate Recommendation:** Addition of Senate Executive officer  
President-Elect

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Following review of the recommendation adopted by the Faculty Senate at the November 27, 2017, Faculty Senate meeting, as provided in your memo of November 28, 2017, I have approved the motion below presented to the Senate.

**Motion:**

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Faculty Governance OWG 5-1 recommends a Senate President-Elect to serve a one-year term as President-Elect to assume the role as Senate President the following year. The recommended change will be reflected in the new GSU bylaws. The SEC moves to add the position of Senate President-Elect to the senate executive committee. All additions concerning the Senate President-Elect will be reflected in the new GSU bylaws.

**Rationale:**

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The OWG 5-1 Faculty Governance met to discuss merging bylaws for the new Georgia Southern University. In an effort to foster an environment of collaboration and promote continual improvement in bridging relationships between campuses, members of the OWG negotiated the structure of faculty senate and revised the bylaws of the old GSU to reflect modifications. A negotiated item in senate leadership was the position of President-Elect for Faculty Senate. The President-Elect would serve a one-year term in preparation to assume the President's duties the following year.

The duties of the PRESIDENT-ELECT shall be as follows:

- a. assist the President as a member of the Senate Executive Committee;
  - b. preside over the Senate in the absence of the President
  - c. attend all meetings with the Senate President. The president-elect would serve as a voting member and expected to attend and participate in meetings of the Senate. The position and duties of the president-elect will be added to the new GSU bylaws.
- c: Diana Cone  
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