President’s Taskforce for Online Learning and Services

Charge: The Taskforce for Online Learning and Services is charged by President Keel to recommend policies, develop capabilities and execute action plans that create scalable high-quality online learning programs and the services for undergraduate, graduate and continuing education students with particular emphasis on bringing forth a bachelor of general studies program to serve non-traditional students.

Members: Vice Presidents, Kim Thompson-Brown –Controller, Christian Flathman- Director of Marketing, Mike Deal- Registrar, Sarah Smith- Director of Admissions, Connie Murphey – Director of Financial Aid, Dr. Tony Bretti - Dean of Continuing Education, Dr. Mike Smith-Dean of CLASS, Charles Patterson, Dean of Graduate Studies, Pamela Deal - Director Center for Academic Technology Services.

Background: Georgia Southern University has achieved moderate success with online learning programs. The University recognizes that online learning provides increased opportunities and access for Georgia students and seeks to serve new students with high-quality educational programs supported by excellent services. The University intends to build upon our current success by introducing scalable innovative improvements to student services and learning programs offered by the University. Specifically, the University seeks to create online learning opportunities for Georgia students who may have started but not completed an undergraduate degree by offering an online Bachelors of General Studies program. It is also envisioned that there are additional opportunities to create new online graduate as well as continuing education programs. As such, the taskforce is charged to develop and execute action plans that identify and coordinate institutional resources, and to establish the necessary mechanisms for enrollment management, financial management, course management, student services and technology that result in high quality – high integrity educational programs and services to students.

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