

Program Directors Meeting
February 27, 2008
12:00 Noon – Russell Union, Room 2080

Present: Dr. Mike McDonald (COBA), Dr. Randy Carlson (COE), Dr. Margaret LaMontagne (COE), Dr. Cordelia Zinskie (COE), Dr. Cassandra Arroyo (COPH), Dr. Christina Lemon (CLASS), Dr. Jennie Rakestraw (COE), Dr. Greg Harwood (CLASS), Dr. Ray Chandler (COST), Dr. David Williams (COST), Dr. Donna Hodnicki(CHHS), Dr. Sam Todd (CHHS), Dr. Craig Roell (CLASS), Dr. George Cox (CLASS), Dr. Michael Moore (COE), Dr. Dan Czech (CHHS), Dr. Virginia DeRoma for Dr. Edward Smith (CLASS), Dr. Kathy Hubbard (CLASS), Dr. Tom Case (CIT), Ron Jones (Admissions), Dr. Dick Diebolt (COGS), Dr. Danny Dixon (CLASS), Dr. Barbara Mallory (COE), Dr. Doug Thomson (CLASS), Dr. Terry Diamanduros (COE)

Absent with Notification: Dr. Edward Smith (CLASS), Dr. Jorge Suazo (CLASS), Dr. Doralina Martinez-Conde (CLASS), Dr. Yan Wu (COST)

Absent without Notification: Dr. Ahmed Adu-Oppong (COPH), Dr. Barry Balleck (CLASS), Dr. William McIntosh (CLASS), Dr. Donnie Richards (CLASS), Dr. Ronnie Sheppard (COE)

1. Announcements from the Program Directors:
 - No announcements were received from the group.

2. Tim's News:
 - **Graduate Appreciation Week** was discussed, which will be held the week of April 21-25. The first event of the week will be an employment workshop that will take place on Tuesday. Details for this event will be forthcoming. The Graduate Research Symposium will be held in the CIT building, in the Professional Development Center on Wednesday. Dr. Mack asked that each college try and get at least 25% of their students to participate. A \$250 award for the top presentation from each college will be given. It was suggested that the time of the symposium be changed to 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM. It was also suggested that the online and part time students be allowed to present via the internet. Dr. Mack agreed to make these changes and stated that a room has been reserved in the PDC for computer presentations. Marc Prensky should be the keynote speaker for Graduate Appreciation week. He is a renowned presenter and is scheduled to speak on Thursday afternoon in the Performing Arts Center. Dr. Mack asked the Program Directors to encourage their students and faculty to attend. The banquet will be held again this year at French Quarter Café on Thursday evening after the presentation by Marc Prensky. Friday, the Graduate Student Organization is planning a picnic. This is when the awards for the top presenters at the Symposium will be given. More details on this event will be given soon.

- The next item discussed was **Application Xtender and Web Xtender**. Dr. Mack said that Web Xtender is undergoing an upgrade this week and is being moved to the Windows server. He added that this should solve the previous problems with not being able to view accurate information from off-campus locations. He also added that Admissions, Continuing Education, and COGS are researching the possibility of new graduate application products by Hobson's, called Connect and Apply Yourself. He indicated that Admissions is currently using Hobson's Connect in the undergraduate admission process and they speak very highly of it. However, Dr. Mack did note that the products are very expensive and that no decision has been reached about them.
- Dr. Hodnicki had a question pertaining to the **online admission forms**. She indicated that Nursing still has a separate application and wanted to see if there were other programs that were doing the same. All program applications are online, however, there are (and will still be) processes and forms that will continue to be manual.
- **Graduate Student Handbook** –The Graduate Committee is drafting a Graduate Student Handbook that will be given to all new graduate students. This handbook will help to acclimate the students to Graduate School and will contain pertinent information for the students' use. The committee will tweak the handbook for online and part-time students, and hopes to have the handbook completed and available by early August.
- **Annual Review of Graduate Students** – The Academic Standards subcommittee of the University's Graduate Committee was asked to consider the concept of asking departments to annually review graduate student progress. Dr. Mack suggested that this could be done in an email that might have as little as only one line in it, so it would not be time consuming. This would be beneficial to the departments in helping to identify students who are progressing slowly and in determining why this happens. Several program directors expressed concern with the additional amount of time this would involve if departments had to annually review students. *As a result of this conversation, Dr. Mack asked the chair of the Academic Standards Subcommittee to table this issue.*

3. **Blueprint for Graduate Education**

- The fifth version of the draft was distributed to the Program Directors. Dr. Mack briefly discussed the first few pages of the draft. A program director expressed concern about the quality of online graduate programs. Another program director indicated that the WebMBA program currently produces high quality graduates. The group asked that the Blueprint is made the only item on next month's agenda, and Dr. Mack agreed to this.

4. **Dr. Dick Diebolt**

- Dr. Diebolt distributed results from a recent **survey of graduate alumni** where they were asked questions regarding their graduate education

experience at GSU. Dr. Hodnicki asked where COGS obtained the information regarding the college's alumni. Dr. Diebolt stated that he obtained the information from the Alumni Relations Office.

- A list of 07/08 **unallocated Graduate Assistantship** information by college was also distributed to the group, as requested in a previous Program Director's meeting. The list indicated the number of unallocated positions each college has filled for the current academic year, the number of grant-funded positions, the number of split-funded, and the number of work study positions.

**Spring 2008
Unallocated GA Positions**

CEPS

Unallocated		5
Grant - Unallocated		2
WORKSTUDY GA		0
WORKSTUDY GA - Split		0
Grant		0
	Total	7

CIT

Unallocated		1
Grant - Unallocated		0
WORKSTUDY GA		0
WORKSTUDY GA - Split		0
Grant		0
	Total	1

CHHS

Unallocated		14
Unallocated - Split		7
Grant - Unallocated		2
WORKSTUDY GA		0
WORKSTUDY GA - Split		0
Grant		0
	Total	23

CLASS

Unallocated		6
Unallocated - Split		0
Grant - Unallocated		0
WORKSTUDY GA		3
WORKSTUDY GA - Split		2
Grant		0
	Total	11

COBA

Unallocated		5
Grant - Unallocated		2
WORKSTUDY GA		1
WORKSTUDY GA - Split		2
Grant		0
	Total	10

COE

Unallocated		7
Unallocated - Split		0
Grant - Unallocated		0
WORKSTUDY GA		0
WORKSTUDY GA - Split		0
Grant		0
	Total	7

COPH

Unallocated		19
Unallocated - Split		0

Grant - Unallocated		0
WORKSTUDY GA		0
WORKSTUDY GA - Split		0
Grant		0
	Total	19

COST

Unallocated		8
Unallocated - Split		
Grant - Unallocated		4
WORKSTUDY GA		
WORKSTUDY GA - Split		
Grant		
	Total	12

College of Graduate Studies Program Exit Survey

Introduction to Results Summary


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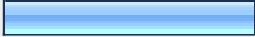
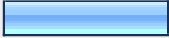

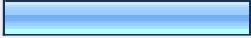




Through the facilities of the Alumni Office, the Exit Survey was sent to alumni who received a graduate degree from GSU. The survey was distributed via the alumni email address list. Those receiving the email notice were asked to click on the Exit Survey web link to complete the survey.

As of February 27, 2008, 278 responses were received. Attached is a summary of the survey responses.












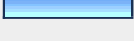



On March 3, the survey will be sent to the email address of 2007 graduates for the purpose of collecting additional data from the recent graduates.

Georgia Southern University Graduate Program Exit Survey




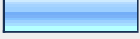



















1. Date you completed this survey?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Date		100.0%	277
		<i>answered question</i>	277
		<i>skipped question</i>	1

2. What year did you graduate?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
2004		27.7%	77
2005		18.0%	50
2006		21.9%	61
2007		27.0%	75
2008		4.0%	11
2009		0.0%	0
2010		0.0%	0
2011		0.4%	1
2012		0.0%	0
2013		0.0%	0
2014		0.4%	1
2015		0.7%	2
		<i>answered question</i>	278
		<i>skipped question</i>	0

3. Please select your Degree.

		Response Percent	Response Count
DrPH		0.0%	0
EDD		11.9%	33
EDS		15.5%	43
MA		2.5%	7
MACC		4.7%	13
MAT		1.1%	3
MBA		14.4%	40
MED		21.2%	59
MFA		0.7%	2
MHSA		1.1%	3
MM		0.0%	0
MPA		6.8%	19
MPH		2.5%	7
MS		14.0%	39
MSN		1.8%	5
MT		1.4%	4
PSYD		0.0%	0
WebMBA		0.4%	1
		answered question	278
		skipped question	0

4. Please select your Major.

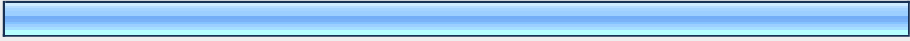
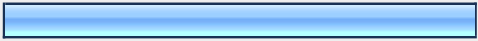
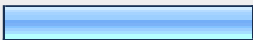

		Response Percent	Response Count
Accounting		5.0%	14
Applied Economics		0.0%	0
Art		0.7%	2
Biology		1.8%	5
Business Administration		14.4%	40
Business Education		0.4%	1
Clinical Psychology		1.1%	3
Counselor Education		5.4%	15
Curriculum Studies		4.3%	12
Early Childhood Education		1.8%	5
Education Administration		4.7%	13
Educational Leadership		7.6%	21
English		1.4%	4
Health & Phys. Education		0.4%	1
Health Services Administration		1.1%	3
Higher Education Administration		3.2%	9
History		0.4%	1
Instructional Technology		4.0%	11
Kinesiology		2.2%	6
Mathematics		0.7%	2
Middle Grades Education		1.8%	5
Music		0.0%	0
Nursing		1.8%	5
Psychology		2.2%	6
Public Administration		6.8%	19

Public Health		2.5%	7
Reading Education		2.2%	6
Recreation Administration		1.1%	3
School Psychology		3.6%	10
Social Sciences		1.1%	3
Spanish		0.7%	2
Special Education		2.5%	7
Sport Management		5.4%	15
Teaching		1.1%	3
Teaching & Learning		5.4%	15
Technology		1.4%	4
answered question			278
skipped question			0

5. Please rate each of the following areas.								
	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion	Rating Average	Response Count
Quality of the faculty offering your degree program.	42.1% (117)	36.0% (100)	15.8% (44)	4.3% (12)	1.8% (5)	0.0% (0)	1.88	278
Academic standards of your degree program.	38.5% (107)	37.4% (104)	16.9% (47)	6.1% (17)	1.1% (3)	0.0% (0)	1.94	278
Extent you believe your training has kept pace with the recent trends and developments in your field.	34.5% (96)	34.2% (95)	19.4% (54)	9.0% (25)	2.5% (7)	0.4% (1)	2.12	278
Adequacy of research or professional training you received.	28.1% (78)	38.1% (106)	18.7% (52)	10.8% (30)	4.0% (11)	0.4% (1)	2.26	278
Adequacy of facilities and equipment (including technology) available to you.	34.9% (97)	36.7% (102)	18.7% (52)	6.1% (17)	2.5% (7)	1.1% (3)	2.08	278
Your confidence as an independent scholar/researcher in your field.	28.8% (80)	41.4% (115)	17.6% (49)	8.6% (24)	1.4% (4)	2.2% (6)	2.19	278
Your confidence as an effective teacher of your discipline	37.8% (105)	33.8% (94)	16.5% (46)	6.5% (18)	1.4% (4)	4.0% (11)	2.12	278

	<i>answered question</i>	278
	<i>skipped question</i>	0

6. Please rate each of the following course areas according to your level of satisfaction.							
	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Moderately Satisfied	Not at all Satisfied	No Opinion	Rating Average	Response Count
Course availability in your program.	41.7% (116)	38.5% (107)	13.7% (38)	6.1% (17)	0.0% (0)	1.84	278
Times courses were offered in your major.	41.7% (116)	37.1% (103)	15.1% (42)	5.0% (14)	1.1% (3)	1.87	278
	<i>answered question</i>						278
	<i>skipped question</i>						0

7. What additional courses should we offer for your program?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
1		100.0%	81
2		51.9%	42
3		27.2%	22
4		11.1%	9
	<i>answered question</i>		81
	<i>skipped question</i>		197

8. Please rate each of the following general service areas according to your level of satisfaction.


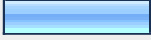
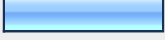



	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Moderately Satisfied	Not at all Satisfied	No Opinion	Rating Average	Response Count
Your major advisor.	45.3% (126)	25.9% (72)	14.4% (40)	10.1% (28)	4.3% (12)	1.89	278
Career mentoring you received.	21.2% (59)	27.0% (75)	21.9% (61)	16.2% (45)	13.7% (38)	2.38	278
Your overall graduate experience.	39.9% (111)	41.0% (114)	16.5% (46)	2.5% (7)	0.0% (0)	1.82	278
Services provided by the College of Graduate Studies.	27.0% (75)	38.1% (106)	18.7% (52)	9.4% (26)	6.8% (19)	2.11	278
	<i>answered question</i>						278
	<i>skipped question</i>						0

9. How likely are you recommend Georgia Southern University to others for graduate education?

	Very Likely	Likely	Unlikely	Very Unlikely	No Opinion	Rating Average	Response Count
Recommend	51.1% (142)	34.9% (97)	10.1% (28)	3.6% (10)	0.4% (1)	1.66	278
	<i>answered question</i>						278
	<i>skipped question</i>						0

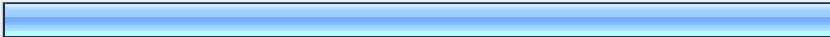

10. If reply to #9 is "Unlikely" or "Very Unlikely", would you please indicate why?

	Response Count
	45
	45
	233

11. What is the level of debt you incurred to finance your graduate study?			Response Percent	Response Count
None			35.0%	97
Under \$5,000			15.9%	44
\$5,000 - \$10,000			17.3%	48
\$10,001 - \$20,000			18.4%	51
Above \$20,000			9.4%	26
Prefer not to answer			4.0%	11
			answered question	277
			skipped question	1

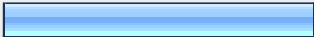

12. What are your immediate plans after graduation?					
Select only one					
Plans	Further graduate/professional study	Postdoctoral appointment	Business/Industry Employment	College/University Employment	Govt Emp
Plans	16.5% (46)	0.7% (2)	20.5% (57)	16.2% (45)	5.8
answered question					
skipped question					

13. If you selected "Further graduate/professional study" in #12, Please name the college or university you will be attending.		Response Count
		49
answered question		49
skipped question		229



14. Have you already secured employment?				
			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes			91.4%	254
No			8.6%	24
			answered question	278
			skipped question	0

15. Where is your employment position located?						
		ALABAMA	ALASKA	ARIZONA	ARKANSAS	CALIFORNIA
Location		0.8% (2)	0.4% (1)	0.4% (1)	0.4% (1)	0.4% (1)
		answered question				278
		skipped question				0

16. If you selected "Foreign Country" in #15, please indicate the country name.		Response Count
		2
		answered question
		2
		skipped question
		276

17. Did you hold a Graduate Assistantship or Fellowship while at Georgia Southern?				
			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes			34.2%	95
No			65.8%	183
			answered question	278
			skipped question	0

18. How would you rate the usefulness of your Graduate Assistantship/fellowship experience?							
	Most all of the Time	Frequently	Occasionally	Rarely or Never	No Opinion	Rating Average	Response Count
Usefulness	26.9% (47)	10.3% (18)	13.7% (24)	6.9% (12)	42.3% (74)	2.01	175
	<i>answered question</i>						175
	<i>skipped question</i>						103

19. Was Georgia Southern University your first admission choice?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		82.7%	230
No		17.3%	48
	<i>answered question</i>		278
	<i>skipped question</i>		0

20. Please rate your reasons for coming to Georgia Southern University.

	Most Important	Very Important	Important	Not Important	No Opinion	Rating Average	Response Count
Location	53.5% (147)	21.8% (60)	15.6% (43)	8.7% (24)	0.4% (1)	1.80	275
Cost	32.7% (90)	36.7% (101)	18.2% (50)	10.5% (29)	1.8% (5)	2.07	275
Easy to get to	30.9% (84)	27.6% (75)	18.0% (49)	17.3% (47)	6.3% (17)	2.23	272
Admitted me to a degree program	29.8% (82)	27.3% (75)	25.5% (70)	13.1% (36)	4.4% (12)	2.23	275
Courses offered when I could take them	37.5% (103)	27.6% (76)	21.5% (59)	10.5% (29)	2.9% (8)	2.05	275
Reputation of University	26.8% (74)	35.9% (99)	26.1% (72)	8.0% (22)	3.3% (9)	2.16	276
Reputation of Department	26.8% (74)	36.6% (101)	20.7% (57)	10.5% (29)	5.4% (15)	2.16	276
Reputation of Faculty in my major	25.1% (69)	31.6% (87)	25.5% (70)	10.5% (29)	7.3% (20)	2.23	275
	answered question						277
	skipped question						1