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Compliance Campaign Adds Two New Training Elements

RACHEL POCKLINGTON, INSTITUTE COMMUNICATIONS

Each year, Georgia Tech employees are required to affirm their understanding of the Institute’s ethical standards and the conflict of interest policy, and certify all external activities and financial relationships.

This year, two additional components are being added to the Institute’s Compliance Campaign: cyber security and Haven for Faculty & Staff training. All faculty, staff, and student workers must complete all four compliance requirements between March 7 and April 8.

The cyber security training is part of an ongoing educational campaign from Georgia Tech’s Cyber Security team to help ensure that all employees — faculty, staff, and students — are aware of best practices for safe computing. As part of the yearly training requirements, Georgia Tech employees will have the opportunity to participate in an online tutorial and confirm their understanding of the material covered. Employees should expect to spend 10 minutes completing both parts of the cyber security training. The Haven training is a one-time requirement for all current employees.

Visit “My Compliance Campaigns” at www.techworks.gatech.edu to learn more and access the required information. Employees do not have to complete all four compliance requirements in one sitting; they can be completed in multiple sittings. It should take less than two hours to complete all of the training and compliance requirements.

Employees who do not comply by April 8 may receive a formal disciplinary notice from the Institute, and their access to Georgia Tech’s network may also be revoked. Questions can be submitted to ethics.ask@ohr.gatech.edu.

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All new and returning GT 1000 instructors are required to take a day of training in the summer. As for time commitment, in addition to class time, there are generally several hours of weekly preparation involved.

Associate Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education Steven Girardot has taught GT 1000 since 2005 and previously directed the course. Over time, he said, instructors naturally become more familiar with the content and “flow” of the course, and some co-teach to share the workload. Still, he said, volunteers should anticipate and be prepared to manage the full range of instructional responsibilities.

“The Center for Academic Enrichment provides a lot of resources and lesson plans to reduce the administrative workload and make it as easy as possible, but at minimum, you’ve got to prepare lesson plans, facilitate class, work and meet with TAs, and grade assignments,” Girardot said. “It’s offered for a letter grade, so we do take that part seriously.”

Craig Womack, assistant dean and director of Undergraduate Programs for Scheller College of Business, was selected by students as GT 1000 Instructor of the Year in 2015. He has taught the class for five years, and not once has he considered giving it up.

“It’s an amazing experience,” he said. “Just that personal achievement you feel when you see where the students are when they start and where they finish.”

Just as teaching GT 1000 is voluntary, so is attendance. About 65 percent of incoming students take the course.

Some students sign up for the course with great expectations. “They believe the course will be transformative,” he said. “We want to do everything possible to ensure they have a meaningful experience.”

“Students graduate this course with a sense that what they’ve learned will carry into their future careers,” Womack said. “It’s not just a class. It’s the start of a lifelong relationship.”

Did You Know?

GT 1000 has been around in one form or another for more than 30 years. At first, it was a non-credit course called Freshman Seminar.

In 1989, it became a 2-credit course called Psych 1010: Psychology of Adjustment to College Life.

In 1999, with the transition to semesters, it became a 1-credit course called Psych 1000: Adjustment to College Life.

In 2004, it was renamed GT 1000: Freshman Seminar (since changed to First Star Seminar), and its six core components were defined: University Culture; Career and Major Exploration; Time Management and Academic Success Skills; Leadership, Community Service, and Involvement Opportunities; Resume Writing; and Team Building and Presentation Skills.

Learn more at www.gt1000.gatech.edu.

Summer Camp Resource Guide

Available exclusively for employees, the summer camp resource guide provides access to an online database of nearly 1,000 camps in the Atlanta area. Set specific guidelines to streamline your search, and find what fits best for your family. The guide is available from March 15 to June 30 at www.ohr.gatech.edu/summercamps.

20 Years Later

Did you work at Georgia Tech during the 1996 Olympic Games, or do you have memories of attending them?

Share them with us for a celebratory feature this summer, and email editor@comm.gatech.edu.
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Volunteers Wanted for Faculty Governance, Staff Council

KRISTEN BAILEY
INSTITUTE COMMUNICATIONS

No matter your role on campus, there are opportunities to get involved in shaping life at Tech.

Both Faculty Governance and Staff Council are looking for volunteers to serve on a number of committees.

Staff
The Staff Council is looking to fill positions on all five of its standing committees, covering the areas of employee health and well-being, benefits; employee engagement; and employee health and well-being.

Interested Georgia Tech staff members should apply online by Friday, March 4.

To be qualified to serve, staff should be:
• A full-time or part-time (at least 20 hours per week) staff member.
• Have completed six months of service to Georgia Tech as of March 4, 2016.
• Be employed with an eligible staff title. (The following staff titles are ineligible to serve on the council and thereby ineligible to serve on committees: Institute president, executive vice presidents, provost, vice presidents, associate vice presidents, dean of students, academic faculty, research faculty, and retirees.)
• Have support of their supervisor.
• Be able to spend three to five hours per month on committee work.

Learn more about the work of the Staff Council committees at www.staffcouncil.gatech.edu/committees.

Faculty Senate Approves Code Changes, Minors, New Degree

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At its winter meeting, the Faculty Senate discussed and approved several items related to student life at Tech.

The Student Regulations Committee presented proposed changes to the Student Code of Conduct based on a review that took place last year at the request of President G.P. “Bud” Peterson. These changes addressed definition and refinement of process, technical and editorial changes, case investigation, aggregation of unrelated cases, appellate rights, and challenges to hearing officer bias. All changes were approved. Read more about these changes at www.c.gatech.edu/conduct.

Susan Cozzen, vice provost for Graduate Education and Faculty Development, presented and recommended the adoption of Mutual Expectations between Research Advisors and Advisers. The document was drafted in collaboration with the Graduate Student Government Association (GSGA) to address potential issues of abuse and issues raised by the President’s Mental Health Task Force. It passed unanimously both in the Graduate Student Senate and Faculty Senate and will be put forth for incorporation into the Georgia Tech Catalog and elsewhere across campus.

Marc Canellas, president of GSGA, made a presentation on the Graduate Student Experience Survey that is now underway. The survey, which aims to assess all aspects of graduate student life at Georgia Tech, is open to all graduate students until Monday, March 7.

The Faculty Senate also approved action items from the Institute Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (IUCC):
• Minor modifications were made to curriculum requirements for the Denning Technology and Management Program in the Scheller College of Business. An additional minor option was added, called Technology and Business, to provide a business minor option designed for students in the College of Architecture, College of Sciences, and the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts.
• Two courses were added in the School of City and Regional Planning as part of a new minor in Sustainable Cities, which was also approved. The minor is part of Serve-Learn-Sustain.

From the Institute Graduate Curriculum Committee (IGCC):
• A course addition in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, which now requires master’s candidates to take a course in entrepreneurship.
• The Schools of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Biology, and Earth and Atmospheric Sciences established a new degree: Doctor of Philosophy in Ocean Science and Engineering. The program is designed to train the next generation of ocean experts and to expand on existing collaborations among these schools at Georgia Tech, as well as with other University System of Georgia institutions. The Board of Regents must also approve new degree programs.

Full presentations from both the IUCC and IGCC, as well as the other items covered in the Feb. 16 meeting, are available at www.facultygovernance.gatech.edu.

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HIDDEN GEORGIA TECH
THE LIBRARY ARCHIVES

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