College Wide Meeting
April 28, 2021
Things are looking (slightly) hopeful for FY22
- First time in five years without significant budget cuts
- No layoffs or furloughs on the table this year
- Possible small raise pool for staff

State budget appropriations still undetermined

Hiring faculty and staff remains a challenge

Virtually all dimensions of our budget rely on enrollment
Enrollment

> **Fall 20**
  - Campus enrollment was 7,645
    > Down 5.6% from last fall
  - CASB enrollment was 1,225 students
    > Down 5% from last fall

> **Spring 21**
  - Campus enrollment is 6,863 students
    > Down 7.2% from last spring
  - CASB enrollment is 1,163 students
    > Down 4% from last spring

> **Fall 21**
  - CASB applications are up over 6% from last year
  - Incoming class slightly larger: ~1,262 vs. 1,151 last year
    > CASB students make up about 12% of incoming class
New Provost

> **Dr. Colin Potts**
  - Vice provost for undergraduate education and professor of interactive computing at Georgia Tech
  - Officially starts at S&T on June 1
  - Ph.D. from Sheffield University in cognitive psychology
  - Already engaged with S&T
  - Strong background in student success initiatives
Dr. Karen Head

- Associate chair of Georgia Tech’s School of Literature, Media, and Communication and executive director of the Naugle Communication Center

- She will join the Department of English and Technical Communication as a full professor

- Accomplished poet and scholar with a passion for the arts
Little Miners Child Care Center

$2.7 million CARES Act grant to establish the center
- The facility will enroll up to 76 children ages 6 weeks to 5 years
- At least 30% of the children enrolled will be from low-income families
- In partnership with Department of Teacher Education and Certification
- Located in the Southwestern Bell Cultural Center
  - Outdoor container garden
  - Solar panels demo
  - STEM-focused curriculum

Director is hired; assistant director search in progress

LMCCC scheduled to open in Oct/Nov
Center for Excellence in STEM Education

> Center goals

- Lead and coordinate outreach initiatives (K-12) that leverage S&T’s expertise to improve educational experiences for students and instructional experiences for teachers in school districts in south-central Missouri
- Lead and coordinate efforts on S&T's campus to improve learning and teaching experiences in STEM disciplines
- Serve K-12 students and teachers primarily in the rural schools of south-central Missouri, aligned with the vision of the Kummer Institute
- Collaborate with S&T faculty and the South Central Regional Professional Development Center to offer STEM professional development to teachers

> Currently searching for founding director
Undergraduate Research Day

> UM System Undergraduate Research Day at the Capitol is a unique opportunity for students and faculty to showcase their research accomplishments in front of our state legislators.

> Virtual event in 2021; Nine S&T students were selected to present a video about their research:
  - 7 were CASB students
  - 2 were CEC students
Mental Health – Faculty Champions

- Arts, Languages, and Philosophy - Taylor Gruenloh
- Biological Sciences - Dave Westenberg
- Business and Information Technology - Sarah Stanley
- Chemistry - Jeff Winiarz
- Economics - Eun Soo Park
- English and Technical Communications - Kelly Tate
- History and Political Science - Diana Ahmad
- Mathematics and Statistics - Stephanie Fitch
- Physics - Dan Waddill
- Psychological Sciences - Amber Henslee
- Teacher Education and Certification - Michelle Schwartzte
Academic Program Developments

> B.S. in Teacher Education
  - new early childhood emphasis area

> Global Engineering Program
  - Earn 2 B.S. degrees concurrently
  - International fourth year: study abroad + internship

> New programs and emphasis areas
  - Environmental Sciences B.S. in process
  - Medical Lab Science emphasis area in Biological Sciences

> Business and Information Technology
  - MBA program made the *U.S. News & World Report*’s list of the 106 “Best Business Schools” in the country
Faculty Awards, Recognition, and Highlights
V. A. Samaranayake, curators’ distinguished teaching professor of mathematics and interim department chair

- UM System Presidential Faculty Award for University Citizenship – Leadership
Women’s Advocate Award Winner

Terry Wilson
(Biological Sciences)
Faculty Awards and Recognition

> Faculty Excellence
  – Irina Ivliyeva, professor of Russian
  – John Singler, professor of mathematics and statistics

> Faculty Achievement
  – Merilee Krueger, teaching professor of psychological science
  – Katie Shannon, teaching professor of biological sciences

> Faculty Service
  – Nancy Stone, professor of psychological science
  – David Westenberg, professor of biological sciences
Faculty Awards and Recognition

> Sustained Excellence in Outstanding Teaching
  – Merilee Krueger, teaching professor in psychological science

> Faculty Teaching
  – Dev Niyogi, professor of biological sciences
  – Jessica Cundiff, assistant professor of psychological science
  – Amber Henslee, associate professor of psychological science
  – Greg Story, associate professor of physics
  – Klaus Woelk, associate professor of chemistry
Faculty Awards and Recognition

> Faculty Research

- Marco Cavaglia, professor of physics
- Ulrich Jentschura, professor of physics
- Daozhi Han, assistant professor of mathematics and statistics
- Vadym Mochalin, associate professor of chemistry
College Awards
Dave Westenberg

- Professor in Biological Sciences
- Advisor to S&T’s chapter of the National Society for Leadership and Success
- Co-advisor to Helix
- Co-advisor to IGEM
- Won numerous teaching awards
  - UM System President’s Award for Community Engagement for work in K12 education and outreach
  - Class of ‘42 Alumni Excellence in Teaching
  - Alumni Outstanding Advisor
  - 2017 Science Educator Award from the Academy of Sciences in St. Louis
  - S&T Deans’ Teaching Scholar
  - National Academy of Science Education Fellow in Life Sciences
Faculty Leadership Council

Lorie Francis (Arts, Languages and Philosophy)
Matt Thimgan (Biological Sciences)
Sarah Stanley (Business and Information Technology)
Jeffrey Winiarz (Chemistry)
Eun Soo Park (Economics)
Rachel Schneider (English and Technical Communication)
John McManus (History and Political Science)
Vy Le (Mathematics and Statistics)
Alexey Yamilov (Physics)
Amber Henslee (Psychological Science)
Michelle Schwartz (Teacher Education and Certification)
Research Award Winner

Sarah Hercula

(English and Technical Communication)
Research Award Winner

Gayla Olbricht

(Mathematics and Statistics)
Research Award Winner

Daniel Shank

(Psychological Science)
Teaching Award Winner

Aleksandr Chernatynskiy
(Physics)
Teaching Award Winner

Mike Hilgers
(Business and Information Technology)

COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCES, AND BUSINESS
Teaching Award Winner

Elizabeth Roberson
(English and Technical Communication)

COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCES, AND BUSINESS
Community Outreach Award Winner

Amy Belfi
(Psychological Science)
Student Impact Award Winner

Yu-Hsien Chiu

(Business and Information Technology)
Student Impact Award Winner

Clair Kueny
(Psychological Science)
Outstanding Teaching Awards

- Dr. Denise Baker, assistant professor of psychological science
- Dr. Andrew Behrendt, assistant teaching professor of history and political science
- Dr. Amy Belfi, assistant professor of psychological science
- Dr. Carleigh Davis, assistant professor of English and technical communication
- Dr. Petra DeWitt, associate professor of history and political science
- Dr. Cassie Elrod, associate professor of business and information technology
- Dr. Darin Finke, associate teaching professor of philosophy
- Dr. Sarah Hercul, assistant professor of English and technical communication
- Dr. Patrick Huber, professor of history and political science
- Dr. Irina Ivliyeva, professor of Russian
- Dr. Merilee Krueger, teaching professor of psychological science
- Dr. Yu Liu, assistant professor of business and information technology
Outstanding Teaching Awards

- Dr. Fiona Nah, professor of business and information technology
- Dr. Dev Niyogi, professor of biological sciences
- Dr. Justin Pope, assistant professor of history and political science
- Dr. Dan Reardon, associate professor of English and technical communication
- Dr. Terry Robertson, teaching professor of arts, languages and philosophy
- Dr. Jeff Schramm, associate professor of history and political science
- Dr. Michelle Schwartz, assistant teaching professor of teacher education and certification
- Dr. Kate Sheppard, associate professor of history and political science
- Dr. Chariklia Sotiriou-Leventis, professor of chemistry
- Dr. Greg Story, associate professor of physics
- Courtney Webster, lecturer of French
- Dr. Klaus Woelk, associate professor of chemistry
Books Published Since October 2020

- Refusing to Kiss the Slipper: Opposition to Calvinism in the Francophone Reformation by Michael W. Bruening
- Fostering Linguistic Equality: The SISE Approach to the Introductory Linguistics Course by Sarah E. Hercul
- Forged in Gold: Missouri S&T's first 150 years
- Icelandic Folklore and the Cultural Memory of Religious Change by Eric Shane Bryan
Staff Highlights
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> Anne Groniger

- Graduating from Drury
  > Associate’s degree in Business
  > Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice
> Elaina Manson

  – Joining CASB office staff
  – Assisting with fiscal responsibilities
> Cindy Heck

– Founding staff member in CASB Dean’s office

– Transferring to Human Resources
Questions?