



**UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
OF GEORGIA**

**Board of Regents May 12, 2020 - Agenda**

10:30 AM

Call to Order  
Chairman Sachin D. Shailendra

Approval of February 11th/March 10th/ March 12th/ March 16th /April  
1st /April 14th/ May 7th  
Secretary Edward Tate

Chancellor's Report  
Chancellor Steve Wrigley

Committee Reports  
A. Academic Affairs - Regent Erin Hames  
B. Finance & Business Operations - Regent Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.  
C. Internal Audit, Risk, and Compliance - Regent Philip A. Wilheit,  
Sr.  
D. Organization & Law - Regent Don L Waters  
E. Real Estate & Facilities - Regent Samuel D. Holmes

Unfinished Business  
Chairman Sachin D. Shailendra

New Business  
Chairman Sachin D. Shailendra

Petitions and Communications  
Secretary Edward Tate

10:50 AM

Executive Session  
Chairman Sachin D. Shailendra

11:50 AM

Reconvene  
Chairman Sachin D. Shailendra

Vote: Reappointments  
Chairman Sachin D. Shailendra

Adjourn  
Chairman Sachin D. Shailendra

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
Atlanta, Georgia  
February 11, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at 12:34 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2020, in the Board Room, Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, Atlanta, Georgia. The Chairman of the Board, Regent Sachin D. Shailendra, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Shailendra, were Vice Chairman James M. Hull; Regents W. Allen Gudenrath; Erin Hames; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Samuel D. Holmes; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Cade Joiner; Everett Kennedy; Rachel B. Little; Lowery May; Jose R. Perez; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Reed; Harold Reynolds; T. Dallas Smith; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; Don L. Waters; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Georgia College and State University Student Government Association President Amelia Lord gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SAFETY BRIEFING**

Chief of Police Bruce Holmes gave the safety briefing.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

With motion made and properly seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board's meeting of January 8, 2020.

**SPECIAL GUEST – LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR GEOFF DUNCAN**

Board Chairman Sachin D. Shailendra welcomed Georgia Lieutenant Governor Geoff Duncan, who spoke of the importance of higher education and the impacts of the experience we create for university students that last well beyond their four years on campus. Lieutenant Governor Duncan spoke of his goal of making Georgia the technology capital of the East Coast and the continued support and commitment that are required to prepare the next generation for the 21<sup>st</sup> century global economy. The State of Georgia is building on decades of hard work to prepare K-12 students for higher education and beyond, especially for new technology-related jobs that might not exist yet. His goal is to make Georgia a place where the world will want to do business, invest, and live. Lieutenant Governor Duncan closed by thanking the Board for the opportunity to speak and to serve the citizens of Georgia.

**ACADEMIC RECOGNITION DAY**

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Joyce Jones recognized the 26 Academic Recognition Day honorees. Each University System of Georgia (USG) institution nominates one student for this award based on his or her exceptional scholastic achievement and community involvement.

**THREE MINUTE THESIS – KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY**

Vice Chancellor for Communications Aaron Diamant introduced Hope Didier, an undergraduate molecular and cellular biology major at Kennesaw State University, who participated in the Three Minute Thesis competition. This competition requires students to condense their theses into a format that is easier for a broader audience to understand. Ms. Didier presented her research on the introduction of proteins into cervical cancer cells to fight cancer.

**CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT – GEORGIA SOUTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY: CHANGING CULTURE TO ACHIEVE RETENTION RESULTS**

Chairman Shailendra introduced Dr. Neal Weaver, President of Georgia Southwestern State University (GSW), who spoke of GSW's recent efforts to change campus culture and improve student success. GSW is located in Americus, Georgia, and many of its students are first-generation and Pell Grant-eligible. In 2017, the university

experienced a significant dip in student retention between the first and second years of college. In response, GSW redesigned its campus culture to focus on student success and retention. GSW integrated academic affairs, student affairs, and business functions to provide a seamless experience for students. The university implemented new programming like the President Jimmy Carter Leadership Program, the Southwestern Promise Scholarship, and a guaranteed acceptance program for aspiring nursing students. It introduced the Momentum Year approach, which calls for a focus on the student's full life cycle on campus, with an emphasis on being proactive and identifying warning signs instead of waiting for problems to occur. It also created the First-Year Experience Office.

Dr. David Jenkins, the director of GSW's First-Year Experience Office, and GSW students MaKayla Graham and Brandon Blue, spoke of the changes that have been made on campus and how they have positively impacted the GSW student experience.

### **GENERAL EDUCATION UPDATE**

Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer Tristan Denley provided an update on the USG's proposed redesigned general educational curriculum. The goal of the redesign is to create a dynamic core curriculum rooted in a foundation of critical skills and knowledge. The new curriculum will ensure that all USG students learn essential skills and gain knowledge they will need to be successful after college.

The current general education curriculum consists of 60 credit hours, including a 42-credit core distributed across the following categories: communication skills; quantitative skills; the arts and humanities; science, math, and technology; the social sciences; and institution-specific courses. The remaining 18 credits come from discipline-specific preparatory courses. The proposed new general education curriculum will still consist of 60 credit hours, but will be distributed among a more well-rounded, 33-credit core; 18 credits of discipline-specific courses; and 9 credits of exploratory courses. The new core will include courses in the arts and humanities, written communication, oral communication, mathematics, science, data and digital fluency, history and government, social sciences, and institution-specific courses. The new exploratory courses will provide opportunities for students to explore new fields of study and learn about topics of interest outside their majors. The structure of the proposed redesigned curriculum will allow for more flexibility for both institutions and students and will better meet the needs of all 26 diverse USG institutions.

### **RECESS**

The Board recessed for Committee meetings.

### **CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Upon reconvening, Chancellor Wrigley gave his report to the Board. He began by thanking special guest Lieutenant Governor Geoff Duncan for his support of the USG. The Chancellor also thanked the USG government relations team for their hard work during this year's Georgia General Assembly. He welcomed new Regent Rachel B. Little, a Georgia State University alumna, to the Board. Chancellor Wrigley congratulated the USG students who were recognized for their academic and leadership excellence at today's Academic Recognition Day celebration.

Chancellor Wrigley spoke of the USG's ongoing initiative to modernize the general education curriculum across the System. This initiative includes input from members of industry, so all USG students will develop the analytical skills they need to succeed in the modern workplace. The Chancellor described the direct link between education attainment and economic advancement. The USG curriculum modernization initiative was launched in response to this link, since USG graduates will need to be able to compete and thrive in the rapidly-evolving global economy. The economy has changed dramatically in the last 30 years and will continue to change rapidly as new forms of technology emerge. Artificial intelligence has transformed fields that once were considered immune to change, like construction and banking. As more jobs are automated, at least a third of U.S. workers will need to change jobs and significantly upgrade their skills by 2030. Employers seek graduates who have critical thinking skills and are adaptable; they also look for workers who have completed postsecondary education.

As a result, the USG core curriculum must change to ensure our graduates meet the needs of Georgia's employers. In addition to the new core curriculum, the USG has created several other programs in response to industry needs, including the Georgia FinTech Academy, the Momentum Year and College 2025 initiatives, and the creation of the nexus degree.

Chancellor Wrigley then mentioned several highlights from across the University System. He congratulated the University of North Georgia and Georgia Institute of Technology students who won first and second place, respectively, in the National Security Agency's 2020 Codebreaker Challenge. The Chancellor commended Georgia State University's Perimeter College, which has been recognized as one of the best in the nation for helping students transition into four-year degree programs. He also congratulated Georgia Highlands College (GHC) President Don Green, who was this year's winner of the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction. This is Phi Theta Kappa's highest honor for community college presidents nationwide and is a direct result of GHC's outstanding record of student success.

Chancellor Wrigley concluded his remarks with a historical note. On this day in 1974, Minnesota Twins' pitcher Dick Woodson exercised the new right to salary arbitration, forever altering talent acquisition and the professional sports landscape.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Reports of the standing committees are attached hereto. Upon motions made and duly seconded, the Board unanimously approved and adopted the reports of the following committees:

- the Committee on Academic Affairs
- the Committee on Finance and Business Operations
- the Committee on Organization & Law
- the Committee on Real Estate & Facilities

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., provided an update on the 2020 USG Foundation Gala. The event will be held on Friday, February 21, 2020, at the St. Regis Hotel in Atlanta. The USG Foundation Gala raises funds for needs-based scholarships for students across the USG.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no petitions. Secretary to the Board Edward Tate announced that the next BOR meeting, a strategic planning discussion, will be held on March 10, 2020, in Fayetteville.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Shailendra called for an executive session at approximately 2:45 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and other matters made confidential by law. With motion properly made and seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to go into executive session.

### **RECONVENE**

Following the executive session, Chairman Shailendra reconvened the Board in its regular session at approximately 3:45 p.m. and announced that the Board took no actions during the executive session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

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Sachin D. Shailendra  
Chairman, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia

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Edward M. Tate  
Secretary, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia

## **MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

The Committee on Academic Affairs of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 1:47 p.m. in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairwoman Erin Hames called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairwoman Hames, were Committee Vice Chairwoman Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Regents W. Allen Gudenrath; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Rachel B. Little; Lowery May; Jose R. Perez; and Don L. Waters. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. The Committee approved the establishment of a Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in Hospitality Management at Kennesaw State University.
2. The Committee approved the establishment of a Master of Science with a major in Data Science at Augusta University.
3. The Committee approved the establishment of a Master of Science with a major in Cybersecurity at Kennesaw State University.
4. The Committee approved the termination of two academic degrees at Clayton State University.
5. The Committee approved a request to waive Board of Regents Policy 8.3.7.4, Award of Tenure, and award tenure upon appointment to two faculty members at Valdosta State University.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

6. The Committee approved the appointment of two faculty members to endowed faculty positions at the University of Georgia.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for Committee consideration, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:08 p.m.

## **MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION AND LAW**

The Committee on Organization and Law of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 2:08 p.m. in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman Don L. Waters called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Waters, were Committee Vice Chairman C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Regents W. Allen Gudenrath; Erin Hames; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Rachel B. Little; Lowery May; and Jose R. Perez. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

### **APPROVAL ITEMS**

The Committee approved Georgia Gwinnett College entering into mutually beneficial emergency services arrangements with the City of Lawrenceville and Gwinnett County.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Waters called for an executive session at 2:10 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and student records. With motion properly made and seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to go into executive session. An affidavit regarding this executive session is on file in the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

### **RECONVENE**

After the Committee exited executive session, Chairman Waters reconvened the Committee in its regular session at 2:20 p.m. and announced that no actions were taken during the executive session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

The Committee on Finance & Business Operations of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 1:45 p.m. in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman Kessel D. Stelling, Jr., called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Stelling, were Committee Vice Chairman Harold Reynolds; Regents Cade Joiner; Samuel D. Holmes; Everett Kennedy; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; T. Dallas Smith; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Chancellor Steve Wrigley, Board Chairman Sachin Shailendra, and Board Vice Chairman James M. Hull also were present.

**INFORMATION ITEM**

Executive Vice Chancellor for Strategy and Fiscal Affairs Tracey Cook presented information on the Second Quarter Revenues and Expenditures for the University System of Georgia

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:53 p.m.

## **MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE & FACILITIES**

The Committee on Real Estate & Facilities of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 1:53 p.m. in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman Samuel D. Holmes called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Holmes, were Committee Vice Chairman T. Dallas Smith; Regents Cade Joiner; Everett Kennedy; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; Harold Reynolds; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Chancellor Steve Wrigley, Board Chairman Sachin D. Shailendra and Board Vice Chairman James M. Hull also were present. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Assistant Vice Chancellor for Planning and Management Alan Travis gave a brief presentation on the Major Repair and Rehabilitation (MRR) Program.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

2. The Committee authorized Project No. BR-70-2001, Palms Dining Hall Kitchen Renovation at Valdosta State University.
3. The Committee authorized Project No. BR-64-2002, Kell Building Renovation at Fort Valley State University.
4. The Committee authorized Project No. PPV-90-2002, New Student Residence Hall at Kennesaw State University.
5. The Committee authorized a budget modification for Project No. BR-68-1901, Student Recreation Fields at the University of North Georgia.
6. The Committee authorized an amendment to a sub-rental agreement for 55 Old Bedford Road, Lincoln, Massachusetts, for the Georgia Institute of Technology.

### **APPROVAL ITEMS**

7. The Committee authorized a grant of non-exclusive easements for property along Joseph Holley Circle, Albany, for Albany State University.
8. The Committee authorized the naming of George Tower at Technology Square Phase III for the Georgia Institute of Technology.
9. The Committee authorized the disposition of real property located at 401 Rose Drive, Marietta, for Kennesaw State University.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:09 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
Fayetteville, Georgia  
March 10, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2020, on the Soundstage of the Georgia Film Academy, 461 Sandy Creek Road, Fayetteville, Georgia. The Chairman of the Board, Regent Sachin D. Shailendra, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Shailendra, were Vice Chairman James M. Hull; Regents W. Allen Gudenrath; Erin Hames; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Samuel D. Holmes; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Cade Joiner; Everett Kennedy; Rachel B. Little; Jose R. Perez; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; Harold Reynolds; T. Dallas Smith; Don L. Waters; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Regents Lowery May; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; and Kessel D. Stelling, Jr., were excused.

**STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE AND STUDENT OUTCOMES**

Dr. Angie Bell, Vice Chancellor for Research and Policy Analysis, and Dr. Stuart Rayfield, Interim President of the University of West Georgia, provided an overview of the University System of Georgia (USG) strategic plan and discussed metrics that are used to measure student outcomes.

**ACADEMIC INITIATIVES**

Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer Dr. Tristan Denley gave a presentation on various academic and student success initiatives that are active across the USG, including the Momentum Year and efforts to have students complete their math and English requirements during their first year of college.

**BUDGET UPDATE**

Executive Vice Chancellor for Strategy & Fiscal Affairs Tracey Cook presented information about the USG budget.

**GEORGIA FILM ACADEMY WALKING TOUR**

Jeff Stepakoff, Executive Director of the Georgia Film Academy (GFA), led the Regents on a walking tour of the GFA facility.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At approximately 12:15 p.m., Chairman Shailendra called for an executive session to discuss personnel matters involving several institutions, including presidential evaluations. With motion properly made and seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to enter into executive session.

**RECONVENE**

Following executive session, Chairman Shailendra reconvened the Board meeting in its regular session at approximately 1:07 p.m. and announced that the Board took no actions during the executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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Sachin D. Shailendra  
Chairman, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia

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Edward M. Tate  
Secretary, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
Atlanta, Georgia  
March 12, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at 5:02 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2020, via a telephonic meeting in light of the Georgia Public Health State of Emergency due to COVID-19. The Chairman of the Board, Regent Sachin D. Shailendra, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Shailendra, were Vice Chairman James M. Hull; Regents W. Allen Gudenrath; Erin Hames; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Samuel D. Holmes; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Cade Joiner; Everett Kennedy; Rachel B. Little; Jose R. Perez; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; Harold Reynolds; T. Dallas Smith; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; Don L. Waters; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Regent Lowery May was excused.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Shailendra called for an executive session at approximately 5:04 p.m. to discuss developments regarding COVID-19 and student records. With motion properly made and seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to go into executive session.

**RECONVENE**

Following the executive session, Chairman Shailendra reconvened the Board in its regular session at approximately 5:28 p.m. and announced that the Board took no actions during the executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

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Sachin D. Shailendra  
Chairman, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia

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Edward M. Tate  
Secretary, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
Atlanta, Georgia  
March 16, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at 3:15 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2020, via a telephonic meeting in light of the Georgia Public Health State of Emergency due to COVID-19. The Chairman of the Board, Regent Sachin D. Shailendra, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Shailendra, were Vice Chairman James M. Hull; Regents Erin Hames; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Cade Joiner; Everett Kennedy; Rachel B. Little; Lowery May; Jose R. Perez; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; T. Dallas Smith; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; Don L. Waters; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Regents W. Allen Gudenrath, Bárbara Rivera Holmes, Samuel D. Holmes, Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed, and Harold Reynolds were excused.

**COVID-19 UPDATE**

Chancellor Steve Wrigley provided an update on the state of the University System of Georgia (USG) in light of the current Public Health Emergency and discussed moving all USG instruction online.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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Sachin D. Shailendra  
Chairman, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia

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Edward M. Tate  
Secretary, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
Atlanta, Georgia  
April 1, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, via a telephonic meeting in light of the Georgia Public Health State of Emergency due to COVID-19. The Chairman of the Board, Regent Sachin D. Shailendra, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Shailendra, were Vice Chairman James M. Hull; Regents W. Allen Gudenrath; Erin Hames; Samuel D. Holmes; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Cade Joiner; Everett Kennedy; Rachel B. Little; Lowery May; Jose R. Perez; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; Harold Reynolds; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; Don L. Waters; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Regents Bárbara Rivera Holmes and T. Dallas Smith were excused.

**COVID-19 UPDATE**

Chancellor Steve Wrigley provided an update on the state of the University System of Georgia (USG) in light of the current Public Health Emergency. In accordance with instructions provided by the Governor's Office, USG employees will continue to telework and employ flexible work schedules until at least April 30, 2020.

Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer Tristan Denley reported that as of March 30, 2020, 23 USG institutions have completed the transition to providing only remote instruction to students. Despite a significant increase in online traffic, USG systems have been extremely responsive and are still providing an excellent student experience. The University System Office will continue to work with USG institutions to make sure students have access to everything they need to be successful for the remainder of the semester.

Chancellor Wrigley thanked the Academic Affairs and Information Technology Services teams for their hard work during the transition to remote instruction. The USG is continuing to work with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency and the Governor's Coronavirus Task Force to manage its response to the pandemic. The USG continues to be responsive to requests to collaborate with other state agencies to provide assistance as part of the State of Georgia's overall coordinated response to the virus. The Chancellor announced that all USG campuses are in the process of issuing refunds to students for services they will not be able to obtain for the rest of the semester and that most campuses have completed move-outs from their dormitories. He thanked staff from the University System Office and all USG institutions for their hard work in continuing operations during these challenging times.

Chancellor Wrigley announced that the next Board of Regents meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2020. The Board will conduct limited business via conference call due to the Public Health State of Emergency.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Shailendra called for an executive session at approximately 10:46 a.m. to discuss personnel matters. With motion properly made and seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to go into executive session.

**RECONVENE**

Following the executive session, Chairman Shailendra reconvened the Board in its regular session at approximately 10:56 a.m. and announced that the Board took no actions during the executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

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Sachin D. Shailendra  
Chairman, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia

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Edward M. Tate  
Secretary, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
Atlanta, Georgia  
April 14, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, via a telephonic meeting in light of the Georgia Public Health State of Emergency due to COVID-19. The Chairman of the Board, Regent Sachin D. Shailendra, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Shailendra, were Vice Chairman James M. Hull; Regents W. Allen Gudenrath; Erin Hames; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Samuel D. Holmes; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Cade Joiner; Everett Kennedy; Rachel B. Little; Lowery May; Jose R. Perez; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; Harold Reynolds; T. Dallas Smith; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; Don L. Waters; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr.

**SYSTEM UPDATE**

Chancellor Steve Wrigley provided an update on the state of the University System of Georgia (USG) in light of the current public health emergency. He thanked all USG faculty, staff, and students who are adapting to new circumstances in light of the crisis. The USG is continuing to work with Governor Brian Kemp's Coronavirus Task Force, the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, and Georgia Department of Public Health Commissioner Dr. Kathleen Toomey to respond to COVID-19. The Chancellor thanked all USG institutions that have donated or produced materials and contributed in other ways to efforts to fight the virus across the state.

Chancellor Wrigley announced that the ongoing general education redesign and reports from the Fee Working Group and Mental Health Task Force likely will be delayed until Fall 2020 due to the public-facing nature of the work required for these initiatives. The USG will continue using remote instruction at all institutions through Summer 2020 and will continue to follow guidance from public health officials regarding a return to in-person instruction and operations. All USG institutions have issued refunds to students for Spring 2020 services they are no longer receiving due to the transition to remote instruction. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act will provide some funding to help address revenue losses, but the fiscal impact of the coronavirus will be a significant challenge to the USG. USG leaders continue to work closely with the Governor's Office and the Office of Planning and Budget regarding fiscal matters. The Chancellor closed by emphasizing the importance of the USG to the State of Georgia. He thanked the members of the Board of Regents (BOR) and all USG employees for their hard work in responding to the pandemic.

**FISCAL AFFAIRS UPDATE**

Executive Vice Chancellor of Strategy & Fiscal Affairs Tracey Cook presented information on proposed tuition and fee rates for Summer 2020 and Fiscal Year 2021. Changes to the previously-approved Summer 2020 tuition and fees include the elimination of the undergraduate online tuition differential and all mandatory and other fees, with the exception of the special institution and technology fees. No tuition increase is recommended for Fiscal Year 2021. With motions made and properly seconded, the Board approved the following items unanimously:

1. Summer Semester 2020 Tuition & Fees
2. Fiscal Year 2021 Tuition
3. Fiscal Year 2021 Mandatory & Elective Fees

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Regent Erin Hames reported on the meeting of the Committee on Academic Affairs that was held via telephone on April 1, 2020. Due to a typographical error, the Committee approved one item amended by the Board in its adoption of the committee report. Regent Hames requested an adjustment to item 5 to clarify that the name of the endowed position at the University of Georgia is the John H. "Johnny" Isakson Chair for Parkinson's Research. Upon motion made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved and adopted the report. A copy of the report

is attached hereto.

**RENEWAL OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

Board Chairman Sachin D. Shailendra presented a resolution to renew Chancellor Steve Wrigley’s delegated authority to act on behalf of the Board between meetings. With motion made and variously seconded, the Board unanimously approved the resolution.

**POLICY WAIVER – FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT**

Board Chairman Sachin D. Shailendra presented a motion to waive aspects of Board Policies 8.2.7.2, Sick Leave with Pay, and 8.2.7.6, Family and Medical Leave, to allow the USG to grant employees additional leave temporarily during the current national health emergency, in accordance with the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act. These provisions are set to expire on December 31, 2020. With motion made and properly seconded, the Board unanimously approved the resolution.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Several petitions were presented to the Board for review. Secretary to the Board Edward Tate announced that the next Board of Regents meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2020.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Shailendra called for an executive session at approximately 1:57 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. With motion properly made and seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to go into executive session.

**RECONVENE**

Following the executive session, Chairman Shailendra reconvened the Board in its regular session at approximately 2:53 p.m. and announced that the Board took no actions during the executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

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Sachin D. Shailendra  
Chairman, Board of Regents  
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Edward M. Tate  
Secretary, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia

## **MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

The Committee on Academic Affairs of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at 10:30 a.m. on April 9, 2020, via a telephonic meeting in light of the Georgia Public Health State of Emergency due to COVID-19. Committee Chairwoman Erin Hames called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairwoman Hames, were Committee Vice Chairwoman Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Regents W. Allen Gudenrath; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Rachel B. Little; Lowery May; Jose Perez; and Don L. Waters. Chancellor Steve Wrigley also was present. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. The Committee approved the establishment of a Bachelor of Science with a major in health sciences at Georgia Gwinnett College.
2. The Committee approved the establishment of a Bachelor of Science with a major in integrated health at Kennesaw State University.
3. The Committee approved the establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Data Science at Georgia State University.
4. The Committee approved the establishment of a Master of Science with a major in cybersecurity and privacy at the University of Georgia.

### **CONSENT ITEM**

5. The Committee adopted new endowed faculty positions at Georgia Institute of Technology and the University of Georgia and named faculty appointments at Georgia Institute of Technology, Kennesaw State University, and the University of Georgia.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
Atlanta, Georgia  
May 7, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2020, via a telephonic meeting in light of the Georgia Public Health State of Emergency due to COVID-19. The Chairman of the Board, Regent Sachin D. Shailendra, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Shailendra, were Vice Chairman James M. Hull; Regents W. Allen Gudenrath; Erin Hames; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Samuel D. Holmes; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Cade Joiner; Everett Kennedy; Rachel B. Little; Lowery May; Jose R. Perez; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; Harold Reynolds; T. Dallas Smith; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Regent Don L. Waters was excused.

**BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Chancellor Steve Wrigley discussed developments regarding the state budget during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. The University System of Georgia (USG) is focused on prioritizing the health of its students and employees and plans to return to in-person instruction for the Fall 2020 semester. The USG continues to provide support for the State of Georgia's coordinated effort to combat the pandemic.

The Chancellor announced that the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget has instructed state agencies to develop a new spending plan for Fiscal Year 2021 that includes a 14% reduction from the current fiscal year. Updated spending plans for the University System Office and all USG institutions are due by May 20. The final budget will be presented to the Board of Regents following completion of the appropriations process.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Shailendra called for an executive session at approximately 10:08 a.m. to discuss personnel matters. With motion properly made and seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to go into executive session.

**RECONVENE**

Following the executive session, Chairman Shailendra reconvened the Board in its regular session at approximately 10:29 a.m. and announced that the Board took no actions during the executive session.

**APPROVAL ITEM**

Chancellor Wrigley proposed authorizing a budget reduction to help USG institutions respond to the State's request to reduce spending by 14%.

With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents present voted to authorize the Chancellor, working with the presidents, to implement a furlough program requiring employees to take unpaid days of leave from work and any other necessary personnel actions. The Chancellor shall establish guidelines for the program, including, but not limited to, the number of furlough days to be taken by each employee, and such guidelines will supersede any other Board of Regents guidance on the topic. The Chancellor may delegate additional authority to the presidents to address situations unique to their campuses.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

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Sachin D. Shailendra  
Chairman, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia

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Edward M. Tate  
Secretary, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia

## COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

**MAY 8, 2020**

At its called meeting on May 8, 2020, the Committee on Academic Affairs approved:

- Revision of institutional mission statements at Georgia Institute of Technology and Fort Valley State University.
- Establishment of three nexus degrees at Georgia Gwinnett College, Georgia Highlands College, and Clayton State University.
- Establishments of five bachelor's degrees at Augusta University, Georgia State University, Georgia Southern University, and Gordon State College.
- Establishment of one masters' degree at Georgia Southern University.
- Establishment of one doctoral degree at the University of North Georgia.
- Seven program terminations at the Kennesaw State University, the University of Georgia, and the University of West Georgia.
- Revised Georgia Southern University's border waiver to include the Statesboro campus and approved East Georgia College's request to grant out-of-state border waivers.
- Named faculty at Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia State University and the University of Georgia.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes our report, and I submit it to the Board for approval in the form of a motion.

**Committee on Finance and Business Operations**

**Regent Kessel D. Stelling, Chair**

**Report to the Full Board**

**May 12, 2020**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

On Friday, the Committee on Finance and Business Operations heard two information items and one approval item. Tracey Cook presented information on the fiscal year 2020 Third Quarter Revenues and Expenditures for the University System. Overall, the third quarter financials were on track. Institutions continue to monitor the financial impact of COVID 19 and are amending budgets accordingly as they move through the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

Cynthia Robinson Alexander, Executive Finance Director, provided an update on the System's Capital Liability Management Plan.

The update to the system's Capital Liability Management Plan shows that we will stay well below our 5% policy limit with respect to lease payments over the next 5 years, even when taking into account some new projects we expect to see in the coming months and years.

The committee then approved the FY 2021 Multi-Year Leasing Contract Value Authority.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes the report of the Committee on Finance and Business Operations.

I submit this report in the form of a motion for approval.

**Committee on Internal Audit, Risk, and Compliance**  
**Regent Philip A. Wilheit, Sr., Chair**

**Report to the Full Board**  
**May 12, 2020**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman:

The Committee on Internal Audit, Risk, and Compliance met on Friday, May 8, 2020 in our track meeting. This committee had one approval item on the agenda. The committee approved the 2021 internal audit plan. The plan reflects the System's focus on, fiscal management, IT security, support to our strategic initiatives and other critical areas.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes the report of the Committee on Internal Audit, Risk, and Compliance. I present the acceptance of this report in the form of a motion.

*ORGANIZATION AND LAW*  
*COMMITTEE REPORT*

May 12, 2020

At its meeting last week, the Committee on Organization & Law

- Authorized certain named personnel at Savannah State University to conduct activities related to classified government research;
- Approved Columbus State University President Chris Markwood's request to award an honorary degree to Mr. Mark Olivié and Ms. Marleen De Bode-Olivié; and
- Approved Georgia Institute of Technology President Ángel Cabrera's request to award an honorary degree to Mr. James Robert B. Quincey.

The committee also met in executive session to discuss student and personnel matters. No action was taken.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes our report, and I submit it to the Board for approval in the form of a motion.

**Committee on Real Estate and Facilities Report**  
**Regent Samuel D. Holmes, Chair**

The Committee on Real Estate and Facilities met the morning of Friday, May 8, 2020. We heard two information items and approved five items.

The committee was briefed on Chancellor Wrigley's approval of a rental agreement between the Board of Regents and Junior Achievement of Georgia for the construction and operation of a Discovery Center within the Armstrong Campus Student Recreation Center at Georgia Southern University.

The committee was presented with a written report of real estate actions taken within delegated authority between November 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020.

The committee approved a ground lease and rental agreement for Georgia Southern University and two sub-rental agreements for the Georgia Institute of Technology.

The committee also approved an amendment to the amended and restated master lease agreement between Augusta University and Augusta University Medical Center.

The committee's final action was approval of the naming of the Junia J. Fambro Dining Center at Fort Valley State University.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my report, and I submit it to the Board for approval in the form of a motion. Thank you.