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Dr. Linda M. Bleicken, President
Armstrong State University
Armstrong Faculty Senate Resolution on Consolidation

Whereas, creating the new Georgia Southern University should combine the best of both institutions*;

Whereas, this is a consolidation and not a merger or acquisition. It is called a consolidation because the strengths of both institutions are being combined to create an even stronger university*;

Therefore, given that the above guiding principles have not been observed by Armstrong faculty to have been followed on the CIC and on various OWGs,

The Armstrong Faculty are resolved that the following consolidation concerns need to be addressed:

1) Some of the GSU OWGs have made little effort to negotiate anything with their Armstrong OWG counterparts. The attitude projected by some GSU OWGs that curricula, policies, and procedures of the “new” Georgia Southern will just be transplanted from the current Georgia Southern also forecloses any possibility of improving the Statesboro campus.

2) OWGs need to embrace the stated objectives of the consolidation and give thorough and open consideration to curricula, programs, departmental and college organizational frameworks that have been successfully developed over time to serve students in Savannah and the surrounding area. Further, OWGs need to be open to creative solutions such as integrating existing programs, curricula, and departmental/college organizational structures when appropriate AND maintaining different programs, curricula, and departmental/college organizational structures when appropriate, when those solutions appear to best meet the stated consolidation objectives.

* From http://consolidation.georgiasouthern.edu/faq/