President's Message to Campus Community

As we approach an unprecedented fifth month without any state funding, I want to update our campus community on the State's current budget impasse and its impact on GSU.

The State of Illinois has not yet found common ground on the FY'16 budget, resulting in a great deal of uncertainty for all nine public universities and for the students and communities we serve.

Because of strategic planning and sound fiscal management, GSU will remain open and operating for the Spring 2016 semester. The current fiscal condition, however, is unsustainable.

Today marks the start of a state-wide, coordinated call to action by all public universities. I will be in Springfield on Tuesday and Thursday of this week to join other presidents in meetings with the Governor and legislative leaders.

We will be encouraging the General Assembly and the Governor to reach a budget agreement and to provide a reasonable level of funding to Illinois's public universities. Many internal and external stakeholders are endorsing this effort.

If you wish to get involved, please click here (see page 13) for further information.

You can count on Governors State University’s continuing commitment to quality education for our students and to building a strong State of Illinois.

Sincerely,

Elaine P. Maimon, Ph.D.
President

News

NPR Features GSU Alum Ricca Louissaint
Ricca Louissaint entered GSU through the Dual Degree Program and graduated in 2014 with a bachelor's degree in psychology. Ricca's story was featured in an NPR Illinois piece that was broadcast earlier this month on WUIS in Springfield and featured on the station's website. "I felt like I was in an ocean, and someone threw me a life ring. This was my opportunity to be college educated, and I took it," she said in the story.

**Dr. Caryn McTighe Musil will be the Keynote Speaker at All-Campus Symposium**

On Friday, October 23, Dr. Caryn McTighe Musil will be the keynote speaker at an all-campus symposium, which will include an interactive look at how GSU can build on its already considerable work on civic engagement – in and out of the classroom.

Dr. Caryn McTighe Musil

Dr. Musil is Senior Scholar and Director of Civil Learning and Democracy Initiatives at the Association of American Colleges and Universities. Dr. Musil has authored "Civic Prompts: Making Civic Learning Routine Across the Disciplines," which "addresses the undergraduate major as the next frontier of civic learning." You can download a copy of this publication at [www.aacu.org/civicprompts](http://www.aacu.org/civicprompts).

The symposium, which will be held in the Center for Performing Arts, is applicable to faculty, staff, and students, and all are invited to attend. A continental breakfast will be available at 8:30 a.m. and the symposium will start at 9 a.m. Lunch will be served and the symposium will end at 3 p.m.

Because we will be serving breakfast and lunch, RSVP's are required. RSVP to Penny Perdue or x4130.

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Professors Zhao and Ferran's Earn Top Honors at Conference

Drs. Jun Zhao & Carlos Ferran from the College of Business won the Best Paper Award at the Academy of Business Research in Indianapolis on September 24. The paper, titled "Business School Accreditation: Accrediting Agencies, Its Value, and its Hurdles," won the award, which voted on by their peers. A total of 34 countries were represented at this prestigious international business conference.

Professor Ferran said the conference attendees take pride in fully analyzing and discussing the papers. The Best Paper is selected by secret ballots submitted by all attendees. "It is an honor that after such close scrutiny, our paper was chosen for the Best Paper Award. The paper not only reflects the high-quality research that my colleague and I are doing but also the large effort that the College of Business is doing in working toward the top business school accreditation in the world," he said.

Submit your News and Events to GSU View, Social Media

Do you have a great story you would like the GSU community or the press to know about? Are you unsure how to submit your story or event to the GSU View, social media, or local press? Fear not, because there is now an easy way to submit all your news. Simply go to the new Request for Event Promotion page on the GSU website. Once
there, you can decide where you want your news to be shared: GSU View, social media, community announcement in local press, or on the outdoor marquee. You can tell us who your target audience is and whether any pre-event announcements or follow-ups are required. Getting your story shared has never been easier!

Introducing OPUS

October 19-25 is Open Access Week, an annual scholarly communication event focusing on open access and related topics. At GSU, a great deal of work has gone into researching the concept of open access and deciding upon a format that will be useful for the university community. GSU is celebrating Open Access Week by introducing the university community to OPUS, Open Portal to University Scholarship.

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Myths of the Alamo Discussed at Workshop

As part of the “Latino Americans: 500 Years of History” series, students, faculty, staff, and community members got together to watch the first episode of the PBS series “Latino Americans” called “Foreigners in their Own Land.” Following the program, Andrae Marak, Division Chair, Humanities & Social Sciences, led a brief workshop on the Alamo and its place in American history. The discussion focused on the use of the Alamo as a creation myth for the founding of Texas and the erasure of Tejanos.

Andrae Marak (third from left), Division Chair, Humanities & Social Sciences, led a workshop on the Alamo and its place in American history on October 8.

Explanation of Upcoming Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Visit to GSU

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) serves as the regional accrediting body for GSU. The last comprehensive visit was in November 2009, but you may remember that HLC was on campus in April 2013 to review our plan to change the student body by adding new freshmen. That was a significant change and placed GSU on what HLC calls the “Standard Pathway” which calls for a mid-cycle visit in addition to the usual comprehensive visit after 10 years. In February 2016, a team will be on campus for this mid-cycle check. The materials we gather now will also be used for the full comprehensive visit scheduled for academic year 2019-20.

GSU formed a Steering Committee for this process that started work in November 2014. The twelve member team has representatives from across campus and is led by Provost Bordelon and Associate Provost Vendrely. The group has been gathering evidence and writing a short narrative called the “Assurance Argument” which replaces the long Self-Study document that we have written in the past. Everything will be submitted online prior to the visit. An HLC visit team will be on campus for two days, February 22 and 23, 2016, to meet with people and review the report. The HLC team will submit a report of the visit to HLC.

Before the visit takes place, the GSU HLC Steering Committee will share a draft of the Assurance Argument with
the GSU community this fall though MyGSU (portal). We want to collect feedback and meet with different constituent
groups. The Assurance Argument will be edited and refined before final submission. We hope that you will take the
time to read what has been written and offer comments.

Notice to all Employees:

This is an annual reminder to file a new W4 form if there has been a change in your filing status, exemption
allowances (number of dependents claim), or exemption status.

Employees are required to submit a new W-4 form when there is a decrease in the number of allowances you are
entitled to claim or if your exemption from withholding is no longer valid. Employees can file a new W-4 form
whenever they wish to increase their allowances.

Attention: If you have filed "EXEMPT" from Federal taxes, you are required to fill out a new form each year.

W-4 forms can be found in the portal under the Faculty and Staff Resources tab by following these steps:

1. Log in to your GSU portal
2. Move the cursor over the Faculty and Staff Resources tab
3. Move the cursor over the Financial Services and Comptroller link
4. A new tab will appear that will allow you to click on the Payroll link
5. Scroll down to the bottom of the webpage and you will see under forms a link to retrieve a copy of the Federal
   W4 form and State of Illinois W4 form

You can also access the Payroll portal page by clicking on the following link:
https://mygsu.govst.edu/facultystaffinformation/FinancialServices/payroll/Pages/default.aspx

Please complete a Federal and State form at the same time.

It is important to note that University employees are unable to provide guidance on how to complete the form. If you
are unsure of how to complete this form, please contact your financial advisor on this matter.

Completed W-4 forms need to be returned to the Payroll Department in the Financial Services office. It is important
that the form is signed and dated. If the form is not signed and dated, it will be returned to the employee to be
corrected. Information will not be updated in the payroll system until all necessary information on the form is
completed.

GSU Seeking Public Comments

Governors State University is seeking comments from the public about the University in preparation for its mid-cycle
comprehensive review by its regional accrediting agency. The University will host a mid-cycle comprehensive visit
February 22-23, 2016, with a team representing the Higher Learning Commission. Governors State University has
been accredited by the Commission since 1975. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the
Commission's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the university:

Public Comment on Governors State University
The Higher Learning Commission
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500
Chicago, IL 60604-1411

The public may also submit comments on the Commission's Web site at www.hlcommission.org.

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs.
Comments must be in writing.

All comments must be received by January 22, 2016

Buzz

Priority Registration Starts October 19
Priority Registration for intersession and spring 2016 begins Monday, October 19th. The registration order is determined based on the number of credits students have earned prior to 2015FA credits by level of the academic program.

Students must not have any registration holds (such as debt, immunizations, advisor, admissions) in order to register online.

James Brown, an American Activist October 19

Please join us Monday, October 19 at 6 p.m. in Engbretson Hall for an information-packed multimedia panel discussion on the music and the civil rights legacy of James Brown, the "Godfather of Soul." Enjoy original footage of the music and the man as he addresses his impact on pop and hip hop artists including: De La Soul, Kanye West, Mary J. Blige, MC Hammer, Michael Jackson, Nas, Outkast, Public Enemy, and Queen Latifah.

Panelists will include: Yevette Brown, Associate Professor of Media Studies; Donald Culverson, Associate Professor of Political and Justice Studies; Deborah James, Assistant Professor of Media Studies; Rashidah Jaami Muhammad, Professor of English, and Svetlana Rogachevskaya, Director of the Center for Performing Arts.

Campus Community Campaign Kickoff October 20
Faculty and staff, join the Office of Development and Co-Chairs, Provost Deborah Bordelon and Executive Vice President David Meadows for the FY ’15-16 Campus Community Campaign Kickoff, Tuesday, October 20 at 11:30 a.m. in the Hall of Governors.

Help us celebrate last year's success of $87,641 and TAKE IT HIGHER to reach $100,000 with 100% participation.

Your completed contribution form is your admission ticket to a wonderful lunch and fellowship with your colleagues or you may complete your form at the Kickoff Event.

Obtain this year's form from your Campus Community representative or the Office of Development in D34200. For additional information, contact Jackie Small.

That's What Friends are For

Since its founding 10 years ago, the Friends of the GSU Library has held numerous fundraisers including its annual book sale and membership drive. Funds have been used to purchase countless materials for the collection in the library and provide carpeting and pedestals for the Skylight Gallery and comfortable furniture and carpeting for the library balcony.

In conjunction with National Friends of the Library Week October 18-24 the group is currently holding a Membership Drive. "We are 100 percent dedicated to supporting the resources and services that benefit our students and all members of the GSU community," said Friends of the GSU Library President Ann Manning Nagel. Membership for students is $5. Membership for all others begins at $35.00. Membership also counts as a contribution to the GSU Campus Community Campaign.

GSU and National Business Women’s Week Featured on WCIU

The Small Business Development Center at GSU and its Director, Priscilla Cordero were featured Monday, October 19 on You & Me This Morning on WCIU. The segment was on the National Business Women’s Week.

Red Cross Lifeguarding Course at GSU

Receive a 2-year certification for Lifeguarding/CPR/AED by taking a Red Cross Lifeguarding course at GSU. The classes will meet Saturday, October 17 from 1:30-4:30 p.m.; Sunday, October 18 from 12-8 p.m.; Saturday, October 24 from 1:30-4:30 p.m.; Sunday, October 25 from 12-8 p.m., and Saturday October 31 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. A prerequisite test, which will be given on the first day must be passed to take the course. You must be in attendance for all class sessions to receive certification. The course fee is $230 and includes lifeguard certification, lifeguard manual, fanny pack, face mask, and additional class materials. You must be 15 years of age by the last day of class. Contact Victor Griffin for more information.

Students-Enter the Literacy Autobiography Writing Contest

Students enrolled in English 1000 this fall are eligible to participate in the Literacy Autobiography Award Writing Contest. As a required assignment in the first semester, the Literacy Autobiography assignment asks students to
reflect on how writing and reading have shaped their lives.

Students enter the contest by submitting their Literary Autobiography by February 27, 2016. Winners will be announced by the end of March and honored at a luncheon. Entries will be judged by a committee appointed by the President's and Provost's offices.

Students are encouraged to continue revising their autobiography after it has been graded - in preparation for the contest.

Awards:

- First place - $200
- Second place - $100
- Third place - $50
- Honorable Mention - $25

Awards are funded through the generosity of Dr. Elaine P. Maimon and Dr. Mort Maimon.

**Alternative Spring Break 2016-Puerto Rico**

Are you interested in making a difference and volunteering during your spring break? Try going on Alternative Spring Break 2016 to San Juan, Puerto Rico. Students will be immersed into the Puerto Rican culture and volunteer their time to help the country's social and environmental issues. To find out more, attend an information session in Room A2110 on either Monday, October 12 from 3:15-4:30 p.m., or Wednesday, October 21 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

**Bookstore Hooded Sweatshirt Sale**

With the changing colors of the leaves inevitably comes the chill of the autumn air. The GSU Bookstore has you covered with a 25 percent off sale on all hooded sweatshirts on October 20-21. Look cool, stay warm!

**Reconstructed Accepting Submissions**
Reconstructed, GSU's literary and visual arts journal, is now accepting submissions for the Fall 2015 issue. All creative work is welcome, including but not limited to: original artwork, fiction, creative nonfiction, poetry, and photography.

Reconstructed is published both in print and online. All published artists will receive a copy of the print journal and will be published on the website. To submit your original artwork, email up to six attached documents by November 2.

**Events**

**SafeZone Training October 20**

A SafeZone training session for staff and faculty members ONLY will be held Tuesday, October 20 from 1-3:30 p.m. in the Hall of Honors. The goal of this program is to raise awareness about the dynamics of gender and sexual orientation while exploring different ways to embody inclusive allyship for people of all orientations, genders, sexualities, identities, and levels of being out. This program is limited to 25 participants only. For more information email diversity@govst.edu or call 708-524-4551.

**Community Health Degree Information Sessions**

A degree in Community Health is your ticket to the world. Whatever your interest—healthy aging, wellness promotion, treating chronic illness—your career path in Community Health can take you in many different directions.

Meet our faculty, alumni and current students to find out more at two information sessions on Thursday, October 22: 10-11:30 a.m. in the Hall of Honors, or 6-7:30 p.m. in Engbretson Hall.

For additional information, contact Dr. Joseph Day or 708.235.7389.

**Students-Learn How to Sleep**

The Student Counseling Center will host an outreach event: "Sleep: Everyone Wants a Good Night's Sleep, But Nobody Wants to Put the Work In." The program will be held Thursday, October 22 in room D34170 from 11:00am-noon, and again at 6 p.m.-7 p.m. This event will focus on teaching students how to assess their current sleep health and habits as well as giving them the tools to recognize when these are out of whack. The program will include a
discussion on disconfirming and confirming myths about sleep, and current trends in sleep. Contact Gabe Becker for more information.

Bachelor of Health Science in Communication Disorders

Individuals interested in learning more about the Bachelor of Health Science in Communication Disorders degree may attend an Information Session on Thursday, October 22, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the E Lounge. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Dr. Jennifer Armstrong.

Strut for the Cure October 23

The Social Work Student Organization will hold its Strut for the Cure for cancer, Friday, October 23, at 7p.m. in Sherman Hall. Doors Open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $5. For Tickets, please contact Johnsie McAuley-Davis or 708.235.3997.

Philadanco at 45, Saturday, October 24

Don't miss Philadanco at 45 at the Center for Performing Arts Saturday, October 24 at 8 p.m. Philadanco will honor Joan Myers Brown's phenomenal contribution to contemporary African-American dance by performing the company's signature work "Enemy Behind the Gates," by the exquisite dance maker and former Ailey dancer Christopher Huggins. The program includes a selection of dances from the Apollo Theater's 2013 production honoring the "king of funk" James Brown. Student tickets are $13 and faculty/staff tickets are $23, limited to the first 100 only.

Civic Engagement Blood Drive October 24

To celebrate National Make a Difference Day, the Office of Civic Engagement is hosting a Blood Drive, Saturday, October 24 from noon-6 p.m. in Prairie Place's Great Hall. Appointments are recommended, using the group code: GSU1. Donors must be at least 17 years of age.

Save the Date

Occupational Therapy Research Day October 26

The Master of Occupational Therapy students, in partnership with the Occupational Therapy faculty, will present findings from their research projects at their Annual Master of Occupational Therapy Research Day, on Monday, October 26, from 1:30-3:30 pm. in the Cafeteria Annex. For more information, contact Dr. Divya Sood.

CASEL Workshop October 28

A workshop for education administrators hosted by Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE), will be held Wednesday, October 28 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. in E-Lounge. "Implementing Social and Emotional Learning to Improve Student Achievement" is designed to provide the research and strategic tools needed to implement academic, social, and emotional learning throughout buildings and districts. Attendees will learn how to improve conditions for learning and student achievement.

The workshop will be presented by Ruth Cross, Senior Illinois Consultant for the Collaborative on Academic, Social
and Emotional Learning, (CASEL). Ms. Cross brings significant experience working in defining and aligning best practices for effective SEL in public school districts. [Register online.]

Authors to Discuss Prisons, Redemption, and Hope Oct. 29

Authors Esaun Keller (left) and Darryl Cooke (right) discuss their books at "Insights: Life Before & After Prison,"

Authors Darryl Cooke and Esaun Keller will be at GSU to discuss their books at "Insights: Life Before & After Prison," Thursday, October 29 at 5 p.m. in Room 1622. Join us for an insightful discussion with the authors about prisons, redemption, and hope. The discussion is free and open to the public. Copies of their books, "After the Bridge was Crossed" by Darryl Cooke and "Cross the Bridge" by Esaun Keller will be available at the event, and $5 from every book sale goes to the Second Chance Scholarship at GSU. For more information, contact Caron Jacobsen.

Institutional Review Board Process Workshop

Learn about the Institutional Review Board Process at GSU at a workshop Thursday, November 5 from 11 a.m.–noon in Room G262. The purpose of this workshop is to educate people who submit IRBs on what needs to be included, where resources can be located, and how the process works at GSU. For more information, contact Ebony Jones.

Dodgeball Tourney Looking for Teams

The Alternative Spring Break Dodgeball Tournament Fundraiser is set for Friday, November 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the GSU Gymnasium. Participant fees are $5 for one person, and $25 per 6-player team. Friends, clubs, and departments are welcome to create teams. [Registration] is required by November 3.

Sports

Three Home Events Mark a Busy Week for Jaguars

Come out and cheer on your Jaguars this week at three home events. On Tuesday, October 20, the women's volleyball team will take on Olivet Nazarene University at 7 p.m. in the gym. On Wednesday, October 21, the men's junior varsity basketball team will play Trinity Christian College beginning at 6 p.m. in the gym. Thursday, October 22 at 6 p.m., the women's volleyball team will play Indiana University Northwest. Spectators are encouraged on Thursday to wear a pink shirt and "paint the place pink" to show support of those who have or have had breast cancer.

Facebook Posts of the Week

[Response to our post Grad Assistant is now a Hall of Famer: Elina Ramirez Awesome! Go Matt!]
Response to our post Family & Friends Weekend was fun for everyone! Want to see the pictures?

Kerri K Morris What fantastic photos. Wish I'd been there.

Do you have a story or event you want to submit for the GSU View? Click here to learn about our submission guidelines.
What Can I Do?

- Sign a [change.org petition](http://www.change.org) urging Governor Rauner and legislative leaders to end the budget stalemate.
- Send tweets of support linked to the petition using the hashtag #fundhighered.
- Communicate with your individual legislative representatives. Find information on your senator and representative [here](http://www.govst.edu/what-can-I-do/).
- Communicate with Illinois legislative leaders.

**Governor Bruce Rauner**
Office of the Governor  
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Springfield, IL 62706  
Phone: 217-782-0244  
Click on this [link](http://www.govst.edu/what-can-I-do/) to email the Governor

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This will mark the second time GSU students have embarked on a trip to Springfield this year to meet with legislators. In April, GSU students rallied in opposition to the proposed budget cuts to Illinois public higher education. The students delivered a petition to the governor signed by citizens concerned about the proposed cuts to public higher education. This time, with a budget still not passed, the students will gather to remind Gov. Rauner and the legislators of the important investment higher education represents and the dire consequences of not having approved funding.

The rally will begin at the Capital at 10:30 a.m. Students from the nine public universities—The University of Illinois, Chicago State University, Eastern Illinois University, Governors State University, Illinois State University, Northeastern Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, Southern Illinois University, and Western Illinois University, will be in attendance.
Students unable to make the trip to Springfield, and all those who would like to urge state lawmakers to pass a budget are encouraged to sign the online petition and share information with other students.

The Latest On Twitter

A transfer from Juliet Junior College that helped put #GSUJaguars' #golf on the map. #KnowYourJaguars #NAIA https://t.co/0GeUGIsjgW

November 23, 2015

Find out why Pierre Jolly is our Spotlight Athlete of the Week! #Basketball #NAIA... https://t.co/AFFH2olvHf

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The Rich East graduate is the fastest Jaguar, just like her favorite athlete @usainbolt. #KnowYourJaguars... https://t.co/qshnilToeC

November 23, 2015

Welcome to Governors State University in Chicago Illinois

Welcome to GSU, one of the finest colleges in Illinois. Whether you want to get an MBA, an Ed.D, your Masters in Nursing, learn English as a second language, explore adult education, or any other of our degrees, classes or certificates, you will find it here!
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OPUS allows for the creation of new knowledge and information through research by student and faculty scholars, dissemination of knowledge and information through sharing research results, and preservation of knowledge by building a permanent record or archive of scholarship from GSU students and faculty. In fact, information that we currently have in OPUS is being viewed worldwide.

All in the GSU community are invited to visit OPUS and learn more about what it has to offer during Open Access Week. You will find capstone projects and student theses as well as information related to alumni, the student newspapers, Center for Performing Arts, GSU University events and much more. GSU students and scholars are also invited to begin thinking about their scholarly works and submitting them for inclusion in OPUS.

“The library is your Research Resource 24/7,” said Ruetten. “In addition to offering workshops and assistance with scholarly research, partnering with the Writing Center to offer writing tutors and assistance, we are excited about the possibilities that OPUS has to offer in terms of providing a repository for the wealth of scholarly information that is being created here at GSU,” she said.

For information or questions about OPUS, please contact Dean Ruetten or Sarah Wegley.