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Subject: Senate Retreat - Thank you!

Hi Y'all!

Thank you all for making the retreat yesterday a place to reconnect and recommit to the goals of shared governance at GCSU!

One of my main goals for this year is to foster connection and community because I firmly believe that in uncertain times, we must trust in our community to get us through. I charged everyone present before lunch to make this year one of clarity, connection, and collective strength. I reminded you that we are not powerless. We are not alone. And we are at our best when we are united, informed, and engaged. I challenged you to lead with integrity, communicate with transparency, and govern with courage. I know we are capable of great things when we do and, as leaders, we have a responsibility to model steadiness. To meet uncertainty with cool heads and trust in each other's good intentions and shared purpose.

Remember to ask your department/unit leaders for time to share Senate updates during faculty/staff meetings. You all are bridges: Between your units and Senate, between your units and the administration, and between policy and practice. Every time you show up, every time you ask a question, every time you explain a policy to a colleague—you are doing the hard work of shared governance. Let's empower each other through action. Ask questions early and often. Share information clearly, calmly, & accurately. Support each other as we are a community and that's what community does! As I tell my students, I want to empower you to use your voice as it is vitally important and take collective action to help make the changes you want to see in your community!

Again, thank you so much for sharing your valuable time with me and I look forward to working with you all this year! Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions, concerns, or issues as they arise and know that I'm here to work as a team in the best interests of our mission, our students and colleagues, and our future. Thank you for your service and your commitment to shared governance!

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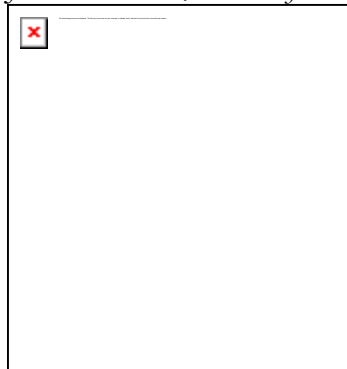
I respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which I live and work - the Mvskoke (Muscogee) and the Hitchiti- and pay respects to Elders, past, present, and emerging.

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“Each one of us matters, has a role to play, and makes a difference. Each one of us must take responsibility for our own lives, and above all, show respect and love for living things around us, especially each other.”

“There is a powerful force unleashed when young people resolve to make a change.”

Jane Goodall, *Reason for Hope: A Spiritual Journey*



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