

Office of the Dean

School of Social Sciences



Culture of Respect Task Force Agenda

24 October 2017

1-Convocation After Action Report

2-Co-sponsorship of Fraud Awareness Week

3-Discussion Sessions

4-COR yearly survey

5-Spring Event/Other Issues

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Attachment

Lee Cheek

From: Lee Cheek
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 8:25 AM
Subject: Exciting Upcoming Events/Update/Request From the Culture of Respect Task Force
Importance: High

Dear Members of the East Georgia State College Family:

We hope you are having a great Fall. As you know, we increasingly live and work in a society that is often less civil and more violent than just a few years or decades ago. Events of the last few weeks confirm our continued challenges as a nation. The consequences of the increased coarseness of human interaction and workplace situations can increase the level of stress, and in the worst of circumstances, lead to very unfortunate consequences.

Accordingly, in June 2015, President Boehmer asked the East Georgia State College community to consider developing a Culture of Respect Task Force of respond to and help offset some of the issues that plague our capacity to provide for as harmonious an academic and work environment as possible. President Boehmer appointed us to serve as members of the Task Force, and we have been working diligently for nearly two years, without fanfare, to help our College formulate a plan of action for improving our conditions and promoting civility in a multifaceted way.

The purpose of this brief note is to introduce you again to the work of the Task Force. On behalf of the President and the Task Force, we ask you to consider at some length the issues we are confronting as an academic community committed to the search for truth, and in building a humane community of learning.

Please allow us to recommend that you take a look at our website:
http://www.ega.edu/offices/presidents_office/institutional_initiatives/culture_of_respect_task_force. A perfect place to start is the first section of our materials entitled “Key EGSC Documents and Related Information.” Of special importance to our ongoing discussions, which you will be part of, is the document the Task Force has created, “Guides for Promoting a Culture of Respect at East Georgia State College.”

We are excited about the dialogue on creating a culture of respect that will commence in earnest during Fall 2017, and the insights that you will add to our discussion. A centerpiece of our work will be our co-sponsorship of the College’s annual **Convocation** and a **yearlong series of discussion sessions** that are open to all members of the East Georgia State College community. The date for our Convocation is Thursday, **21 September at 11:00am**; it will take place in the EGSC Auditorium and via Polycom to EGSC-Augusta and EGSC-Statesboro. Please plan to attend the event and encourage our the community members to participate.

Each year a primary text for our Convocation is selected and provided to a portion of our student body, faculty, and staff. Our text for the upcoming year is P. M. Forni's Choosing Civility. This year our text and theme will be integrated into our Freshmen Year Experience, the work of the Taskforce on Culture Respect, and across the curriculum.

As mentioned above, the Culture of Respect Task Force has organized a yearlong series of discussion sessions as a follow-up to the Convocation. The schedule for the Convocation sessions is as follows:

Culture of Respect Task Force Discussion Sessions
 Thursdays; 11am-12pm; Social Sciences Conference Room
 (Tentative: All to be confirmed; other locations pending)

Date	Topic	Speaker
October 5 th , 2017	Reflecting on the Convocation	Dr. Cheek/Dr. Palumbo
October 26 th , 2017	Student Life and Civility	Sherrie Helms
November 16 th , 2017	Professors and Civility	Dr. Alan Brasher
November 30 th , 2017	Knowledge and Civility	Kelly Ansley
January 25 th , 2018	☐	☐
February 8 th , 2018	☐	☐
March 8 th , 2018	☐	☐
March 22 nd , 2018	☐	☐

In addition to the Convocation and yearlong discussion sessions sponsored by the Culture of Respect Task Force, a third co-sponsored event, our annual Ethics Awareness Week, will take place from 12-17 November. The "kick off" event for Ethics Awareness Week will take place on 14 November at 11:00 am. We will have a guest speaker and we will feature video clips from the

movie "Catch Me if You Can," available to all campuses, followed by a presentation of the movie in the evening.

We have an exciting Fall ahead of us! Thank you!

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