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Dear Campus Community:

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Dr. Jeffrey Underwood will be appointed Associate Vice President for Research effective August 1. A Certified Research Administrator, Dr. Underwood brings a history of successful research, scholarship, and leadership to this role. He served as the director of the Nevada State Climate Office and as a faculty member at the University of Nevada, Reno, and Southern Illinois University. Dr. Underwood currently serves as Professor and Chair of the Department of Geology and Geography at Georgia Southern University.

During his tenure at Georgia Southern University, the Department of Geology and Geography underwent a successful reorganization that saw the development of an MS degree program, increased numbers of faculty lines, and substantial growth in research productivity. Dr. Underwood also implemented a plan to increase undergraduate research at Georgia Southern. He has extensive experience in collaborative research, including international collaborations. Dr. Underwood has worked with the Meteorological Group at the Desert Research Institute in Reno, Nevada; the Pacific Coastal Fog Team at United States Geological Survey in Menlo Park, CA; and the Debris Flow Hazards Group with the University of Bologna and the University of Padua. Dr. Underwood has held leadership positions with organizations such as the National Organization of Research Development Professionals (NORDP) and the Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP).

A distinguished researcher and scholar, Dr. Underwood's work has been published in the journals of the American Geophysical Union (AGU) and the American Meteorological Society (AMS), including *The Journal of Geophysical Research-Atmospheres* and the *Journal of Hydrometeorology*. Dr. Underwood received his B.S. in Business Administration from Virginia Tech and his M.S. and Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Georgia.

I would also like to take a moment to thank the search committee for their work on this important search which coincided with a very busy time in the semester: Jamil Momand, Choi Chatterjee, James Hatfield, Arturo Pacheco-Vega, Emily Allen, and Diane Fazzi. Special thanks to Sharon Ulanoff for chairing the committee.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Underwood on his new appointment.

Best wishes,



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