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**GEORGIA NONPUBLIC
POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION COMMISSION**



Staff Changes

Mr. Greg Ward is retiring from GNPEC on June 30, 2020 after 12 years of service to the Commission. We appreciate Mr. Ward's many years of service and dedication and wish him great enjoyment golfing and relaxing lakeside!

GNPEC is pleased to introduce Ms. Alyssa Yuhouse and Mr. Tony Wallace as GNPEC's newly hired Regulatory Specialists.

Ms. Alyssa Yuhouse is originally from outside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania but moved to Fayetteville, Georgia in 2010. Alyssa moved to Athens in 2012 and has lived in the Classic City ever since! Ms. Yuhouse received her undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia in 2016 and majored in Human Development and Family Science. After graduation, Alyssa then took a job as a College Adviser at Clarke Central High School in Athens for two years. Alyssa recently obtained a Master of Public Administration from UGA and concentrated in Public Policy. Professionally, Ms. Yuhouse's interests are in education policy and college access, but she is also interested in K-12 student success and the implications income has on families and student achievement. In her spare time, Alyssa loves to cook, listen to music, read, and spend time with loved ones.

Mr. Antonio "Tony" C. Wallace is a native of Texas. He received his bachelor's in Healthcare Management and his master's in education with a concentration in Educational Organizational Leadership. Mr. Wallace is no stranger to the healthcare and academic world. He has more than 30 years of teaching and administrative experience in higher education institutions. He has been employed in the state of Georgia as a Campus President, Vice President of Operations, Regional Director of Education, Campus Academic Dean and Professor. He is currently serving as the CEO and owner of MDEC, an education and healthcare consulting company in Conyers, Georgia. Mr. Wallace enjoys spending time with family and friends, and some of his hobbies consist of traveling, bowling, watching old movies, and trying to understand how to develop a green thumb when it comes to yard work.

Recent Policy Approvals

Policy 14 and 15 were approved by Commission vote on April 30, 2020 and April 20, 2020, respectively, and are in effect.

Policy 14: Permitted Programming of Unaccredited Institutions

1. Any institution that is not institutionally accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education may not offer any graduate-level degree in Georgia (including but not limited to master's degrees and doctorate degrees).
2. For any unaccredited institution authorized to offer a graduate level degree in Georgia or which has submitted a materially complete application for authorization, as determined by the Commission in its sole discretion, to offer a graduate level degree in Georgia prior to July 1, 2020, that institution will have until July 1, 2023 to obtain accreditation with an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or be a candidate for accreditation status with an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education and, in the sole determination of GNPEC, showing substantial progress toward becoming fully institutionally accredited by July 1, 2024.
3. An accredited institution will not be permitted to offer any degree program that is not directly included as part of its institutional accreditation or other programmatic accreditation recognized by the United States Department of Education.

Policy 15: Program Offerings of Unaccredited Initial Applicants

1. Any institution seeking initial authorization in Georgia that is not institutionally accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education is limited to the new program application of three (3) programs as part of its Application Evaluation Fee.
2. If said institution seeks approval of more than three (3) programs during the initial authorization application process, the Program Evaluation Fee, in accordance with the then current published Schedule of Fees as adopted by the Commission, will apply to each additional program.

Customer Service Survey

Please help GNPEC improve its customer service by participating in a brief anonymous survey available to institution contacts and directors upon approval of Renewal and Initial Authorization applications and exemption applications. The survey is available in the approval document received via email and Edvera Inbox when your application gets final approval.

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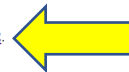
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Thank you.



COVID-19

Please continue to adhere to the health and safety guidelines made by federal, state, and local health officials regarding business operations.

In-person GNPEC site visits have officially resumed. Please respect social distancing and best practices for healthy interactions to ensure a safe site visit environment. Please contact your RS with any questions.

Online Programming During COVID-19

If your programs of instruction are approved by GNPEC for on-ground instruction but your institution has been offering online instruction due to COVID-19, please note that beyond August 31, 2020, this modality shift will be considered a substantive change and will require a Program Change Application and [New Program fee](#). Please contact your RS should you have any questions.

Reminder: Online Payments are Live

GNPEC is pleased to announce that institutions may pay fees online through the GNPEC website on the [Schedule of Fees](#) page.

Avoid paying late fees- pay online instead!