



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

A Briefing for Faculty & Staff of the University System of Georgia No. 1, January 14, 2008



Call to Order

Today, Jan. 14, is the first day of the 2008 session of the Georgia General Assembly. Here is a look ahead at some important dates and the session schedule:

- Tuesday, Jan. 15 Georgia Chamber of Commerce Annual Eggs & Issues Breakfast (7 a.m., Georgia World Congress Center). Gov. Sonny Perdue, Speaker of the House Glenn Richardson and Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle all are scheduled to speak
- Wednesday, Jan. 16 Gov. Perdue's State of the State and Budget Address (2 p.m., House Chamber, Capitol)
- Monday, Jan. 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (legislature not in session)
- Jan. 22-23 Budget hearings for state agencies
- Wednesday, Jan. 23 Chancellor Erroll B. Davis addresses the Joint Appropriations Committee on the Governor's Fiscal Year 2009 budget recommendations for the University System of Georgia (10 a.m., Room 341, Capitol)
- Monday, Jan. 28 Session resumes

Senate Adds One New Member, House Adds Two

The Georgia Senate gained a new member last summer when **Bill Jackson** of Appling was sworn in to replace **Sen. Jim Whitehead**, who resigned to run for Congress. The House of Representatives has two new members: **Bill Maddox** of Zebulon and **Matt Ramsey** of Peachtree City. 🏠

Membership of the Higher Education Committees

The membership of the House and Senate committees responsible for the state's post-secondary education legislative activities, including the affairs of the University System of Georgia, is as follows:

Senate Higher Education Committee

Chair: Harp, Seth; Midland
Vice Chair: Cowsert, Bill; Athens
Secretary: Staton, Cecil; Macon

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Membership of the Appropriations Committees

The membership of the House and Senate committees responsible for writing the budget appropriating funding to the state's various agencies is as follows:

Senate Appropriations Committee

Chair: Hill, Jack; Reidsville
Vice Chair: Goggans, Greg; Douglas
Secretary: Golden, Tim; Valdosta

Members:

Balfour, Don; Snellville*
Bulloch, John; Ochlocknee
Cowsert, Bill; Athens*
Fort, Vincent; Atlanta*
Grant, Johnny; Milledgeville
Hamrick, Bill; Carrollton*
Harp, Seth; Midland*
Heath, Bill; Bremen
Henson, Steve; Tucker
Hooks, George; Americus

Johnson, Eric; Savannah
Meyer von Bremen, Michael; Albany
Moody, Dan; Alpharetta
Mullis, Jeff; Chickamauga
Murphy, Jack; Cumming
Pearson, Chip; Dawsonville*
Schaefer, Nancy; Turnersville

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Appropriations Committees

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Seabaugh, Mitch; Sharpsburg
Seay, Valencia; Riverdale
Smith, Preston W.; Rome*
Staton, Cecil, Macon; ex-officio*
Tate, Horacena; Atlanta
Thomas, Don; Dalton
Thomas, Regina D.; Savannah
Thompson, Steve; Marietta
Tolleson, Ross; Perry
Unterman, Renee S.; Buford
Wiles, John J.; Marietta; ex-officio*
Williams, Tommie; Lyons

* *Members of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education, chaired by Sen. John Wiles.*

House Appropriations Committee

Chair: Harbin, Ben; Evans
Vice Chairs:
Butler, Mark; Carrollton
Channell, Mickey; Greensboro
Heard, John; Lawrenceville
Jones, Jan; Alpharetta
Martin, Chuck; Alpharetta
Parsons, Don; Marietta
Rogers, Carl; Gainesville
Smith, Bob; Watkinsville*
Secretary: Penny Houston;
Nashville

Members:

Amerson, Amos; Dahlonega
Barnard, Terry; Glennville
Black, Ellis; Valdosta
Burkhalter, Mark; Duluth
Carter, Buddy; Pooler
Chambers, Jill; Atlanta
Cheokas, Mike; Americus*
Coan, Mike; Lawrenceville
Day, Burke; Tybee Island
Dollar, Matt; Marietta
Ehrhart, Earl; Powder Springs*
England, Terry; Auburn
Fleming, Barry; Harlem*
Floyd, Johnny; Cordele*
Forster, Ron; Ringgold
Gardner, Pat; Atlanta
Golick, Rich; Smyrna
Greene, Gerald; Cuthbert
Hanner, Bob; Parrott
Heard, Keith; Athens
Hembree, Bill; Winston*
Hill, Calvin; Canton
Holmes, Bob; Atlanta
Houston, Penny; Nashville
Hugley, Carolyn; Columbus
James, Lynmore; Montezuma
Jones, Sheila*; Atlanta*
Keen, Jerry; St. Simons Island
Knox, Tom; Cumming
Lane, Bob; Statesboro*
Lewis, Jeff; White*
Lucas, David; Macon
Lunsford, John; McDonough
Manning, Judy; Marietta

Maxwell, Howard; Dallas
May, Jeff; Monroe
Mills, James; Gainesville
Morris, Greg; Vidalia
Neal, Jay; LaFayette
O'Neal, Larry, Bonaire; ex-officio*
Parham, Bobby; Milledgeville*
Parrish, Butch; Swainsboro
Porter, DuBose; Dublin
Powell, Alan; Hartwell
Ralston, David, Blue Ridge
Reese, Bobby; Sugar Hill
Roberts, Jay; Ocilla
Royal, Richard; Camilla*
Rynders, Ed; Albany
Setzler, Ed; Acworth
Shaw, Jay; Lakeland
Sheldon, Donna; Dacula
Sims, Chuck, Ambrose; ex-officio*
Smith, Lynn; Newnan
Smith, Richard; Columbus
Smith, Tommy; Nichols
Smith, Vance; Pine Mountain
Smyre, Calvin; Columbus
Stephens, Ron; Savannah
Walker, Len; Loganville
Watson, Stan; Decatur
Willard, Wendell; Atlanta
Williams, Roger; Dalton
Yates, John; Griffin*

* *Members of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education, chaired by Rep. Bob Smith* 🏠

Education Committees

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Members:

Chance, Ronnie;
Tyrone
Davenport, Gail; Jonesboro
Golden, Tim; Valdosta
Orrock, Nan; Atlanta
Thompson, Curt; Tucker
Wiles, John; Marietta

House Higher Education Committee

Chair: Hembree, Bill; Winston
Vice Chair: Knight, David; Griffin

Secretary: Cox, Clay; Lilburn

Members:

Amerson, Amos; Dahlonega
Ashe, Kathy; Atlanta
Burns, Jon; Newington
Carter, Amy; Valdosta
Cooper, Sharon; Marietta
Dempsey, Katie; Rome
Gardner, Pat; Atlanta
Hatfield, Mark, Waycross
Jackson, Lester; Savannah

Murphy, Quincy; Augusta
Sims, Chuck; Ambrose
Smyre, Calvin; Columbus
Walker, Len; Loganville 🏠