

Spring 2019 RACEA Annual Meeting Guest Speakers

Dr. Robert Boehmer

Robert Boehmer serves as the fifth president of East Georgia State College. A decorated professor and former administrator at the University of Georgia, Dr. Boehmer comes from a legal background, holding a doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) from the University of Oregon School of Law. Before entering the teaching field, he was a partner in an Oregon law firm, practicing there for more than ten years. After entering the teaching field, Dr. Boehmer went to UGA in 1989, where he received numerous teaching awards including Teacher of the Year and MBA Teacher of the Year from the Terry College of Business, the Richard Russell Teaching Award, the Hatten Howard Award, and a selection as a Lilly Teaching Fellow. In addition to his teaching, Dr. Boehmer served in a variety of administrative and leadership roles, most recently as the Associate Provost for Academic Planning at UGA. Before assuming that role, he served as UGA's Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness. He has also served as UGA's liaison to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on College (SACSCOC) and as a trustee and Executive Committee Member of the organization, and has also served as Chair of the Regents Advisory Committee on Effectiveness and Accreditation.

Dr. Patricia L. Donat

Patricia Donat serves as vice president for the Southern Association of College and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). Prior to her service as SACSCOC vice president, she served as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs for the University of North Georgia (UNG). During her tenure at UNG, the institution expanded its academic programs and its discipline-specific program accreditations, secured approval for a level change to doctoral granting status, received Carnegie Elective Classification for Community Engagement, and consolidated two state institutions within the University System of Georgia to become a regional multi-campus institution of approximately 16,000 students. Prior to her service as chief academic officer, Donat served as associate vice president for academic affairs (AVPAA) at North Georgia College & State University and as AVPAA, acting dean for arts and sciences, and interim division head for education and human sciences at Mississippi University for Women. Dr. Donat's professional service included the presidency of the Southeastern Psychological Association and her service as a member of the SACSCOC board of trustees. Prior to her service on the SACSCOC board of trustees, she served on numerous on-site and off-site committees, and was a member of the committee that revised the 2012 edition of the Commission's Resource Manual for the Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement. Her community engagement included her service as president of the Dahlonega Rotary Club.