NEW BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM TO BE IMPLEMENTED

On June 26, 2017, the University System of Georgia (USG) will introduce a single, system-wide benefits administration system to be used by all System institutions. The transition will allow USG to offer a quality, consistent approach to benefits administration to all of its institutions across the state. This work is part of the broader OneUSG initiative, which will pave the way for a new Human Resources Information System (HRIS) and payroll system, supported by PeopleSoft functionality.

OneUSG Benefits Connect will replace the current MyBenefits@UGA system for enrolling in benefits, requesting changes due to life events, and reviewing benefits coverage. Effective June 26, 2017, there will be two ways to access the new system:
• OneUSG Benefits Connect website and
• OneUSG Benefits Call Center

No action is required at this time. UGA Faculty, staff, and retirees will receive further communication as the implementation moves forward.

ONESOURCE UNIT PLANS REMINDER

The Departmental Systems Master Spreadsheet and templates for Chart of Account Implementation and HR Reporting Structure are due by Monday, May 15. Office hours are available for assistance on all of these templates as follows:
• Friday, May 5, at 2:00 p.m. – Caldwell Hall, Room 401
• Friday, May 12, at 3:00 p.m. – Tate Student Center, Room 138

For more information, visit the OneSource website.
Communications.

GRADY PLAZA EXPANSION

The Facilities Management Division’s Grounds Department has recently completed a new plaza expansion for the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communications.

The original design concept was completed by Koons Environmental Design. The Grounds Department further developed the design and completed construction and bid documentation.

The addition provides added seating, plantings, porous concrete, and plaza space that expands the existing patio and offers a connection to the newly renovated media center. Students can enter the plaza through a garage door opening from the Peyton Anderson Forum to study and socialize between classes.

BULLDOG BUCKS UPDATE

Starting June 1, Bulldog Bucks will return to on-campus use only.

For more information, please see the Columns article here.

COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

As a result of feedback from meal plan participants, the Student Government Association and campus surveys, Dining Services is excited to announce customer service enhancements that will begin at the start of the fall 2017 semester.

These enhancements include:
- Extended hours
- Expanded late night menus
- Staggered cycle menus
- Guest passes
- New dining locations

SAVE THE DATE: ONESOURCE PROJECT

A public forum on budgeting is scheduled for June 15. This is an opportunity to learn more about the future of budget planning and forecasting, annual budget setting and the budget control process.

Demo Days are scheduled for Wednesday, July 26 and Thursday, July 27. This will be an opportunity for campus to get a “sneak peek” of the new PeopleSoft system.

Please contact UGA’s OneSource team (onesource@uga.edu) if you have questions about these upcoming events.

NEW BIOMETRIC ACCESS SYSTEM

Dining Services and the Ramsey Center will soon be introducing a new biometric access system for patrons to enter their facilities.

The new system utilizes Iris Recognition Technology to provide a more accurate, fast and contact-less system for the campus community.

This new service will be in place for the beginning of the fall 2017 semester, but campus users are encouraged to pre-enroll before summer orientation sessions begin.

ONESOURCE VIDEOS & RESOURCES PAGES

An introduction video to the OneSource project, along with videos providing a Chart of Accounts Comparison, Chart of Accounts Definitions and information on the Chart of Accounts Department ID are now available on the OneSource website: https://onesource.uga.edu/videos/. The Resource page is also now available and offers documents, presentations, reference materials and frequently asked questions on specific topics: https://onesource.uga.edu/resources/. If you were not able to attend a presentation or would like to access past materials, you can find them all here. Additional topics will be added throughout the project.

NEW PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR VENDING

Customers may now use credit and debit cards as well as mobile payments to purchase snacks from on-campus vending machines at the University of Georgia. The installation of multi-payment card readers on the snack machines began in February 2017 by Vend Incorporated and a total of 150 snack machines received the new card readers at the end of March.

This new card reader program will accept the following forms of payment: Paw Points, Bulldog Bucks, Visa, American Express, Discover Network, MasterCard, Apple Pay, Android Pay, Samsung Pay, UnionPay and JCB.

HURRICANE MATTHEW RESTORATION CONTINES

The UGA Office of Emergency Preparedness and the UGA Insurance and Claims Management Office continue to work with the six UGA coastal sites impacted by Hurricane Matthew in October 2016 in order to seek potential reimbursement for uninsured damages and debris removal. Most of the UGA sites sustained some roof and/or flooding damages covered by insurance; however, some sites did incur damages that were either not covered by state insurance or exceeded insurance limits.

As a result, coordination has occurred over the past 6 months with the UGA sites, the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Office continue to work with the six UGA coastal sites impacted by Hurricane Matthew in October 2016 in order to seek potential reimbursement for uninsured damages and debris removal. Most of the UGA sites sustained some roof and/or flooding damages covered by insurance; however, some sites did incur damages that were either not covered by state insurance or exceeded insurance limits. As a result, coordination has occurred over the past 6 months with the UGA sites, the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to acquire additional funding for the necessary repairs.

ROLLING OUT THE WELCOME MAT TO NEW HIRES

Are you hiring new faculty or staff from out of town? If so, perhaps they would like to take advantage of the negotiated pricing discounts and premier level service offered by UGA’s two relocation service partners: Graebel and Armstrong Relocation Services.

As an additional benefit for a UGA funded move, payment may be made directly to the relocation partner rather than as a reimbursement to the new hire. To access these benefits please email Tina Brown in the UGA Procurement Office at tinabrown@uga.edu. Tina will connect the new hire with one of our relocation partners as a resource throughout the relocation process.

F&A Staff Recognition Week:

Recognition Ceremony: May 10
Bookstore Reception: May 10
UGA Staff Appreciation Day: May 11
Ice Cream Social: May 12

For more information, visit fanda.uga.edu/recognitionevents

Mark your calendars:
Congratulations to the 2017 Finance & Administration Merit Award Finalists!

Complete information for both individual and team finalists may be found on the F&A website: fanda.uga.edu/2017recognition.

To all nominators and nominees, thank you for your everyday efforts to ELEVATE THE G!

WHAT’S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT SAQ’S?

The Self-Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ) is the merchant’s statement of PCI compliance. Completion of this document is a requirement in order to accept credit cards on campus.

University of Georgia merchants are required to have their SAQ’s completed by May 1, 2017 for FY17.

Currently, 50% of merchants have completed this requirement to date. Keep up the good work!

For more information, contact Lauren Hoffman, credit card coordinator: hofmann1@uga.edu or visit the UGA Bursar’s website.

YOU’RE INVITED!

The 2017 Sustainable UGA Semester in Review will take place on April 27, from 11 am -1 pm in the Memorial Hall Ballroom.

For more information and to RSVP, please click here.

ONESOURCE PROJECT: SIMPLER TRAINING

As part of UGA’s OneSource project, the Simpler Tool is being made available to UGA employees. There are several new instructional videos available on the Simpler Home Page at http://simpler.uga.edu (ArchPass required). Equipment inventory data has been added to Simpler. This allows inventory representatives on campus to search for equipment by department, account number and inventory number. Simpler training classes are offered once each month through Training & Development. If you have eight or more users, we can bring the training to you. Please contact us through onesource@uga.edu. For more information, please visit onesource.uga.edu