RPA and EDMA Update

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Fall 2026 IRP Meeting
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New RPA Team Members

- Research Associates
  - Jeffrey Smith
  - Lisa Li
- Graduate Assistant
  - Ellie Hong

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Data Collections and Governance

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Financial Aid Data Collection

- FADC 25-26 (fall 25 through summer 26)-closes today
- Adjusted maximum award amounts for HOPE Scholarship & HOPE Grants.
- Added 8 data elements for the collection of Adjusted Gross Income- previously collecting FISAP income as AGI. Still collecting FISAP.
- Created Business Procedures Manual section to bind system office to appropriate treatment and use of Federal Tax Info.
- New Regents Fund Code Proposed for DREAMS Scholarship for 2026-27 aid year.

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Academic Data Collection

Fall 2026 End-of-Term

- Changes to Existing Data Element:
  - MCAT Test Codes & Score Range
  - TOEFL Test Codes & Score Range
  - RHSC Verbiage Updates to remove EPI & MPI, and add Classic Learning Test
  - Dual Enrollment Descriptions & DED Updates
- New Data Element:
  - Classic Learning Test Code & Score Range

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Academic Data Collection

Spring 2027 Mid-Term

- Changes to Existing Data Element:
  - Georgia Gwinnett: Offering master's level degrees
  - Consolidation of Georgia Southern & East Georgia edits
  - Building/Room combination Known Issue escalated to Error
- New Data Element:
  - English Proficiency Test Codes & Score Ranges

Spring 2027 End-of-Term

- Changes to Existing Data Element:
  - Updating CAAP Validations at Enrollment to validate Certificates of Less than One Year
  - New HIP Attribute for Place-Based Learning

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Academic Data Collection

Summer 2027 Mid-Term

- Changes to Existing Data Element
  - Clarification on One-Year Certificates and Two-Year Certificate Degree Level & Degree Acronym Coding

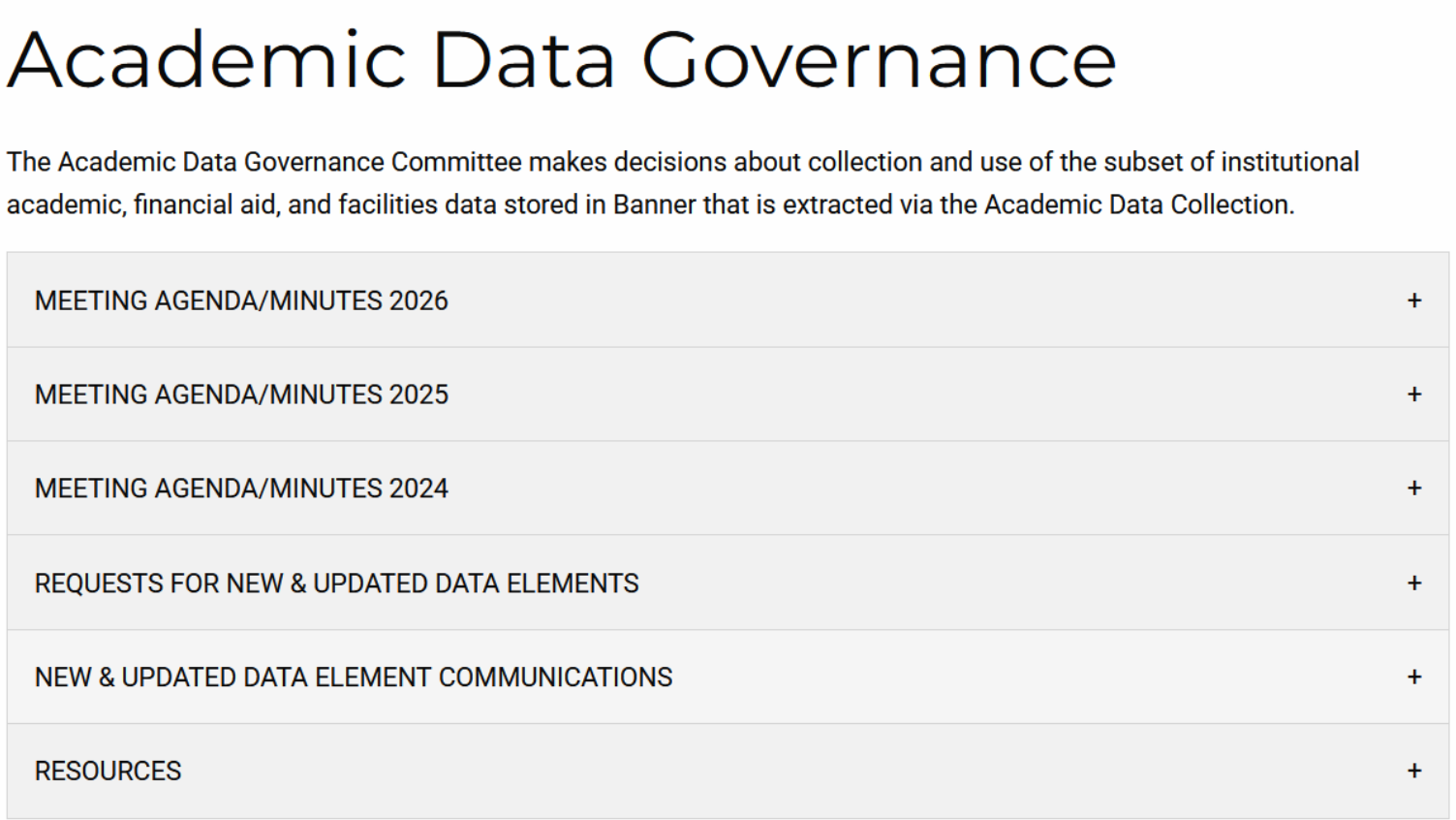
Other Future Enhancements

- Change to Existing Data Element: Race & Ethnicity (Pending Federal Guidance)

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Academic Data Governance Site

https://www.usg.edu/research/academic-data-governance/



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Other Data Collections Items

- Enrollment Monitoring Reporting – Thank you for Fall 2026! Fall 2027 reporting begins Feb. 13
- Facilities Data Collection for Fall 2026 – Thank you!
- Catalog of Authorized Academic Programs (CAAP) - updating a downloadable report for ADC users with expanded list of data elements
- Admissions Collection still on pause
- Transfer Data Collection – Data collected and reporting planning is in progress with AA & EDMA

Enterprise Data Management and Analytics

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Projects

- Completed refresh of all fall data dashboards and Georgia Degrees Pay
- Credit hours dashboard-public changing to only show complete term (C1 + C2), internal with breakout available
- Cognos to Power BI transition-reports will move from PDFs to interactive, more self-service
- Working on course transfer dashboards to meet statutory requirements
- Will be working on additions to budget dashboards
- East Georgia State College and Georgia Southern University consolidation complete

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RPA Update

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FVT/GE and STATS

- **NSC**
  - Past: Saw challenges with institutions pushing past errors or omitting records. They will make ramifications of omitting records clearer.
  - Will log into STATS portal in future and access FVT/GE within that.
  - Streamlining error process to reduce workload, warnings more transparent and helpful. Aiming for June 1st.
  - Working on ability to take in Completers Lists and for users to work with them in NSC. They got specs last week.

- **Federal Department of Education mostly via NSC**
  - Said they will provide draft data, BUT won't be chance to change it.
  - Not saying what completeness threshold is or how assessing accuracy.
  - Note changes to 2024 and 2025 data may impact 2026 submission.
  - Completers lists in January. Cohorts have changed. New guide posted yesterday.
  - Student and program specs will change in 2027. Yay!

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Fall Enrollment (Embargoed until Nov. 17)

- System up ~ 10,000 or 2.7%. All sectors up.
- Undergrad up ~7,000; grad/professional/ residents up ~3,000.
- Beginning freshmen down ~1,888 or 3%. Dual enrollment up ~3,750 or 15.5%.
- Declines in out-of-state and out-of-country students.
- Increase in Black, Hispanic, and Asian students; decline in White students.
- Retention down a bit from last fall record high. Comprehensives driving that; research and state universities up.

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Data Requests

- We are standardizing how we support the data needs of this group so that there is a centralized review and data provision process.
- RPA is happy to fill data requests:
  1. For an existing USG report that is not publicly available
  2. For data beyond the requesting institution (ex: students transferring in/out of the requesting institution from/to other USG schools)
  3. For benchmarking purposes (comparison to other USG schools)
  4. For a detail file for a USG report that is not available elsewhere (SER, credit hour reports, IPEDS FTF)
- Requests will be routed to Lori (Lori.Hagood@usg.edu) for review and next steps.
- Please allow 2 weeks for requests to be completed. We will provide sooner if possible, depending on request and RPA bandwidth.

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Other Projects

- ROI project with CVIOG-moving from bachelor's pilot to comprehensive study.
- Other graduate outcomes data:
  - Post Secondary Employment Outcomes updates, Equifax pilot, IRS Secure Query System, Steppingblocks
- Strada State Opportunity Index student survey in spring 2026 on undergraduate career guidance and work-based learning. About to deliver reports.
- Upcoming survey of IRP on data warehousing.
- Creating shared services model chief data officer role.

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USG Update

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USG Leadership and Roles

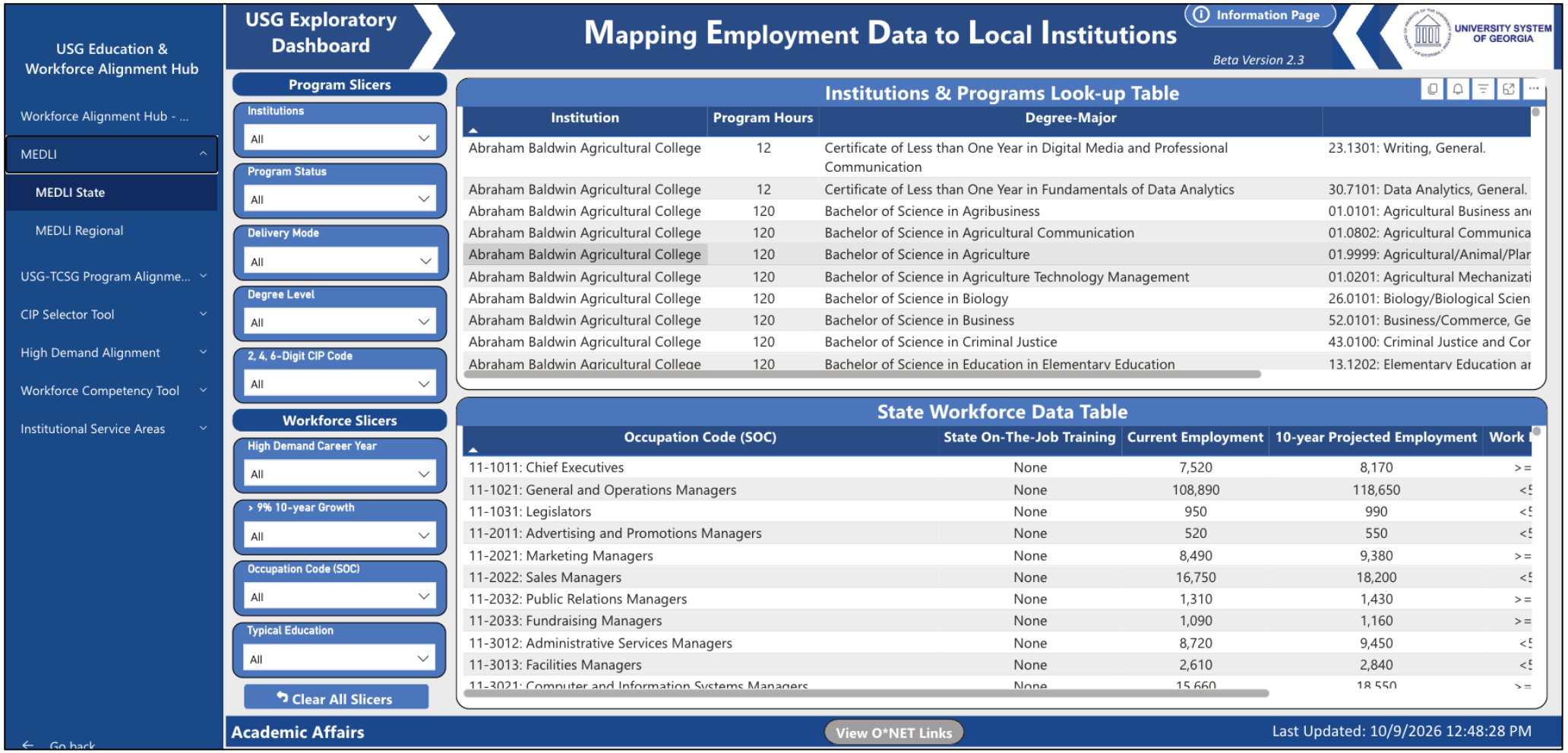
- Chancellor Perdue retiring end of year. Tom Fanning named as replacement.
- Chief Academic Officer Ashwani Monga departing, no interim yet
- Ann Yates, new VC of Executive Talent

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Academic Affairs and Student Affairs

- Reimagining First-Year Composition and Math
- Steppingblocks renewal
- Student Fraud Task Force on application and financial fraud and identity theft: Internal Audit & Compliance, Enrollment Management & Student Affairs, Fiscal Affairs, IT, and Public Safety
  - Procedures for Suspected Student Aid Fraud (memo)
  - Student Aid Fraud Prevention and Reporting policy, ASA Handbook 3.05.02
  - Fraud Prevention: Key Takeaways and Red Flags

Academic Affairs Program Alignment Tools



System Office Other

- Facilities: Space utilization analyses at request of BOR
- AI
  - System-wide ability to purchase Microsoft CoPilot and Google Gemini Enterprise editions, both keep our data segregated within own tenants.
  - Recently secured discounted pricing to purchase CoPilot Premium for faculty and staff, as well as students.
  - UGA close to completing a competitive bid process for Anthropic Claud which will make it available system-wide.
- Service Now Reimplementation

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Legislative Session-State Budget

FY 2026 State Funds Budget	**$3,600,383,387**
Formula Enrollment Growth	216,513,365
Formula Funds Reduction	-34,238,317
Maintenance and Operations	2,096,877
Health Insurance Rate Changes	36,849,262
Teachers Retirement System Rate Change	4,438,360
Start-Up Funds for UGA Medical School	9,548,154
Return of Start-Up Funds - AU/GSOU Armstrong Campus Medical School Expansion	-4,692,816
Georgia Cancer Center at Augusta University	8,333,333
Other Adjustments, net	17,108,353
Increase State General Funds (7.11%)	**255,956,571**
FY 2027 State Funds Budget	**$3,856,339,958**

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Legislative Session-Other

- Study committee on funding formula with attention to online course taking and non-resident students
- DREAMS Scholarship
- HB 1379: Foreign Funding Transparency and Accountability Act

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Beyond USG

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Governor's Education and Workforce Strategy Team

- Top State for Talent legislation (HB1302) codifies team's work and centralizes under Governor's Office of Education and Workforce Strategy (formerly GOSA)
- Georgia Match enhancement fall 2027
  - One Governor-signed admission letter
  - Students choose institutions in GAfutures with "Admit Me!"
  - The admission record goes to the institution's CRM, then the student completes an enrollment application
  - Georgia Student Finance Commission leads, support from Lumina Foundation

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Governor's Education and Workforce Strategy Team

- Georgia Connect-one stop career navigator for all Georgians, working on contract with provider
- High Demand Career List
- WIOA/Perkins plan => unified state workforce plan
- ROI/Credentials and Employment Report
- Transfer and articulation work and reporting
- Education Data Governance Board

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