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WORKSHOP ON FIRST-YEAR SEMINARS: WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM OTHER USG INSTITUTIONS?

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019 2-4 P.M. MAGNOLIA 1 ROOM UNIVERSITY CENTER

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1st Year Seminar, March 27th, 2019

1. What is a 1st Year Seminar?

a. Guest facilitators

- 1.) Dr. Chris Caplinger, director of First Year Programs at Georgia Southern University gave an overview of what these types of classes are, including the theories, process and learning objectives of these programs at his university.
- 2.) Dr. Ryan Bronkema, head of the First Year Program at West Georgia State University shared some of the challenges of these first year seminars and how they have been addressed at his university.
- 3.) Dr. Cynthia Alby from Georgia College and State University who gave actual examples from her university of the positive impact/value of first year seminars on retention, a student's 4 years in college, and their lives after graduation.

2. 15 min of informal Q&A

3. Structured "workshop".

- a.) Have a better understanding of the concepts, process, learning objectives of 1st year seminars
- b.) Learn how to play a part in developing such a course should we decide to do this at VSU.