



University System of Georgia (USG/SCIE) Committee on International Students & Scholars

UPDATE

Agenda

- ▶ International Education at the system level – structural overview
- ▶ Principle issues:
 - ▶ Information outreach and website
 - ▶ Insurance plan options for international students and scholars
 - ▶ Out-of-state tuition waivers
 - ▶ ...changes coming
 - ▶ Education abroad – waiver ok
 - ▶ ...but fee is required
 - ▶ General ISS Updates
- ▶ Questions?

USG - Structure

- ▶ University System of Georgia
- ▶ Board of Regents – Governor-appointed
- ▶ Chancellor –BoR – appointed: Chancellor Hank M. Huckaby
 - ▶ Chief Academic Officer: Dr. Houston Davis
 - ▶ Vice chancellor for Student Affairs: Dr. Joyce Jones
 - ▶ Director of International Education
 - ▶ Dr. Doug Podoll
 - ▶ System Committee on International Education
 - ▶ Dr. Neal McCrillis

SCIE: Committee Members

- ▶ Neal McCrillis (SCIE Chair)
- ▶ Ulf Kirchdorfer (SCIE Vice Chair)
 - ▶ Liz Havey (Education Abroad) liz.havey@gcsu.edu
 - ▶ Robin Catmur (ISS) rcatmur@uga.edu
 - ▶ Margee Bright Ragland (European Council)
 - ▶ Nuru Akinyemi (Africa Council)
 - ▶ Jose Dacruz (Americas Council)
 - ▶ David Starling (Asia Council)
 - ▶ Jason Tatlock (Middle East Council)

SCIE-ISSS Committee

- ▶ Robin Catmur, Chair, Director of Immigration Svcs, UGA
- ▶ Adam Johnson, Vice-chair, Director of International Initiatives, College of Coastal Georgia
- ▶ Veronique P. Barnes, Member-at-large, Director, International Student Admissions and Advising, Georgia Perimeter College
- ▶ Jason Wynn, Member-at-large, International Admissions Counselor, Georgia College

Resources

- ▶ Dr. Doug Podoll: Doug.Podoll@usg.edu; 404-520-2981
- ▶ CISS Chair: Robin Catmur: rcatmur@uga.edu
- ▶ Web site: <http://www.usg.edu/>
- ▶ SCIE meetings – twice a year – usually in Macon
 - ▶ Next meeting September 5th, 2014, Macon, GA

USG Website - Resources

http://www.usg.edu/ University System of Georgia


USG Office of Organization... The Chronicle of Higher Education... ISSIS website NEW... NEW-Tigeradmin... Suggested Sites... Yahoo! Babel Fish - Text T... fsaATLAS Enterprise v... BBC - Home

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Adrienne Kambouris is USG's Second Tillman Military Scholar

The U.S. Army Veteran and Georgia Regents University student has been named a 2014 Tillman Military Scholar. Kambouris is one of 58 selected from over 7,500 applicants and the second student in the University System of Georgia to receive the prestigious award.
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Agriculture Secretary Names Kannan to Top Board

Dr. Govind Kannan, Fort Valley State University's interim provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, is joining the exclusive ranks of a federal advisory board that helps set national agricultural policies.
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USG NEWS

News Release: [Angela Bell Named New University System Head of Research](#)

News Release: [Beginning July 15 Public Can Visit Georgia Archives on Tuesdays](#)

News Release: [Green Named President of Georgia Highlands College](#)

News Release: [Recommendations Received for Georgia Highlands College Presidency](#)

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CONTACT

Main Number - 404-962-3050
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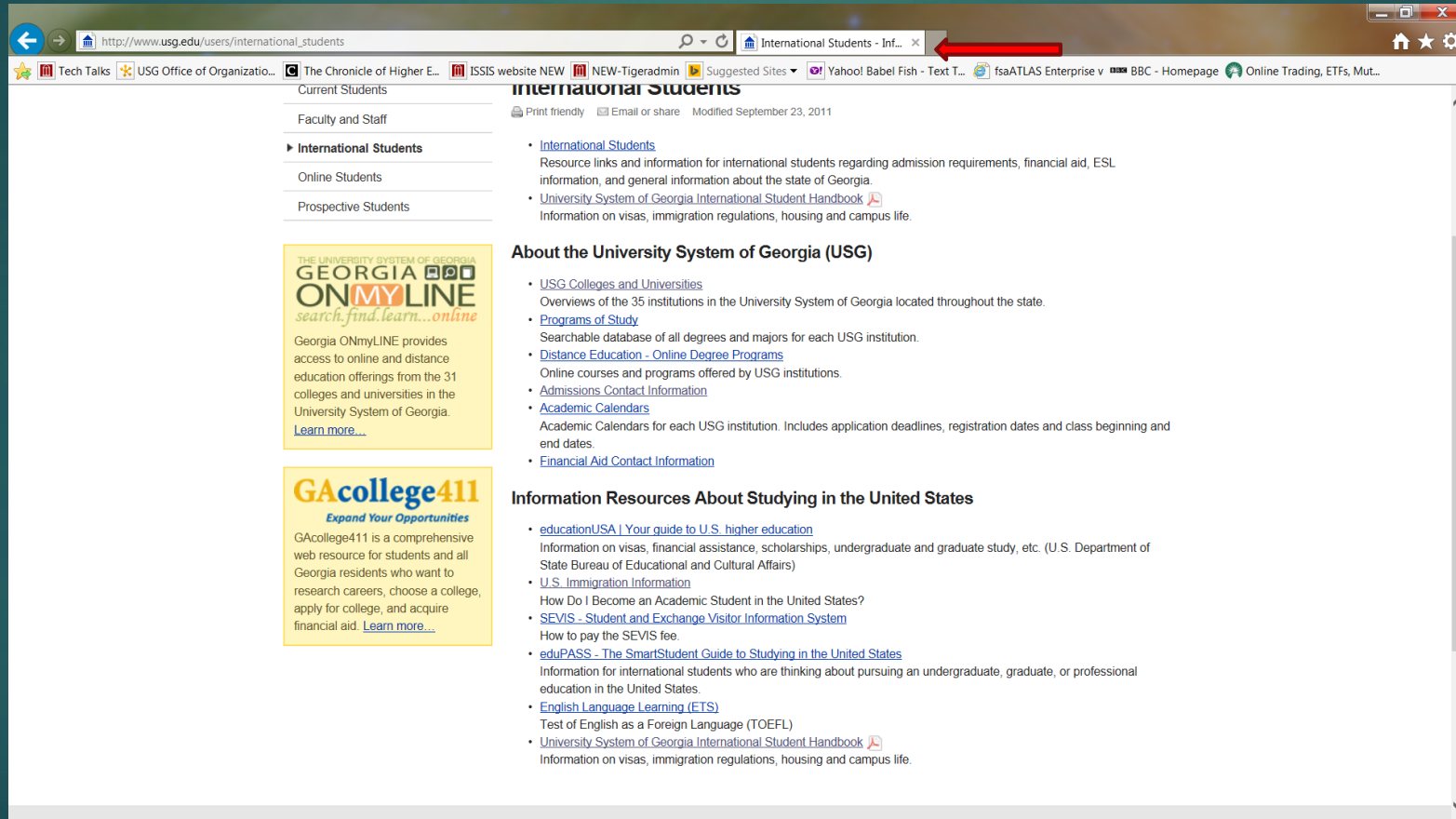
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International Student Information



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL http://www.usg.edu/users/international_students. The page is titled "International Students" and includes a navigation menu on the left with links for "Current Students", "Faculty and Staff", "International Students" (selected), "Online Students", and "Prospective Students". The main content area features a sidebar with "Georgia ONmyLINE" and "GAcollege411" resources, and a main section titled "International Students" with links to "International Students", "University System of Georgia International Student Handbook", and "About the University System of Georgia (USG)". The "About the University System of Georgia (USG)" section lists links for "USG Colleges and Universities", "Programs of Study", "Distance Education - Online Degree Programs", "Admissions Contact Information", "Academic Calendars", and "Financial Aid Contact Information". The "Information Resources About Studying in the United States" section lists links for "educationUSA | Your guide to U.S. higher education", "U.S. Immigration Information", "SEVIS - Student and Exchange Visitor Information System", "eduPASS - The SmartStudent Guide to Studying in the United States", "English Language Learning (ETS)", and "University System of Georgia International Student Handbook". A red arrow points to the "International Students" link in the main content area.

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Georgia ONmyLINE provides access to online and distance education offerings from the 31 colleges and universities in the University System of Georgia.
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GAcollege411
Expand Your Opportunities

GAcollege411 is a comprehensive web resource for students and all Georgia residents who want to research careers, choose a college, apply for college, and acquire financial aid. [Learn more...](#)

International Students

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- [International Students](#)
Resource links and information for international students regarding admission requirements, financial aid, ESL information, and general information about the state of Georgia.
- [University System of Georgia International Student Handbook](#)
Information on visas, immigration regulations, housing and campus life.

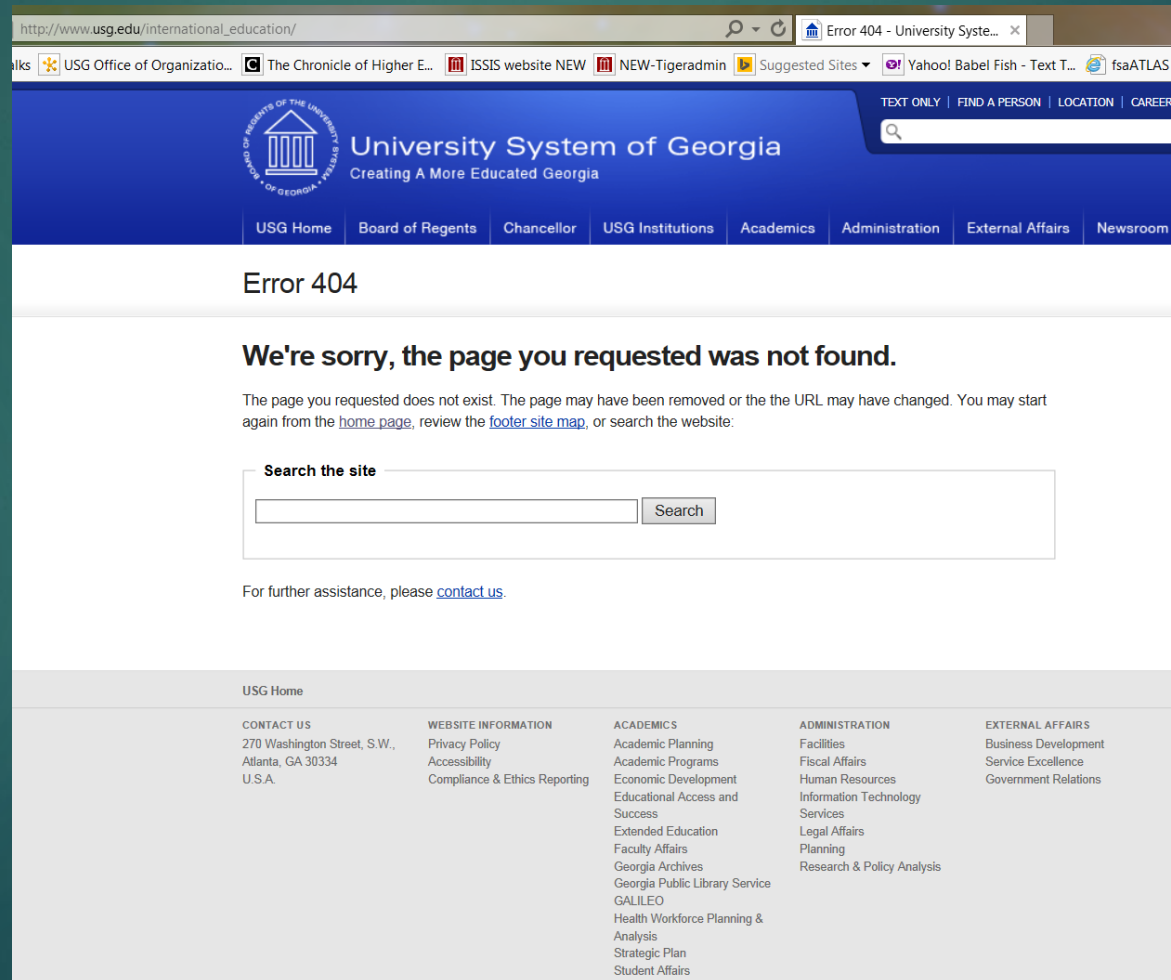
About the University System of Georgia (USG)

- [USG Colleges and Universities](#)
Overviews of the 35 institutions in the University System of Georgia located throughout the state.
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Online courses and programs offered by USG institutions.
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Academic Calendars for each USG institution. Includes application deadlines, registration dates and class beginning and end dates.
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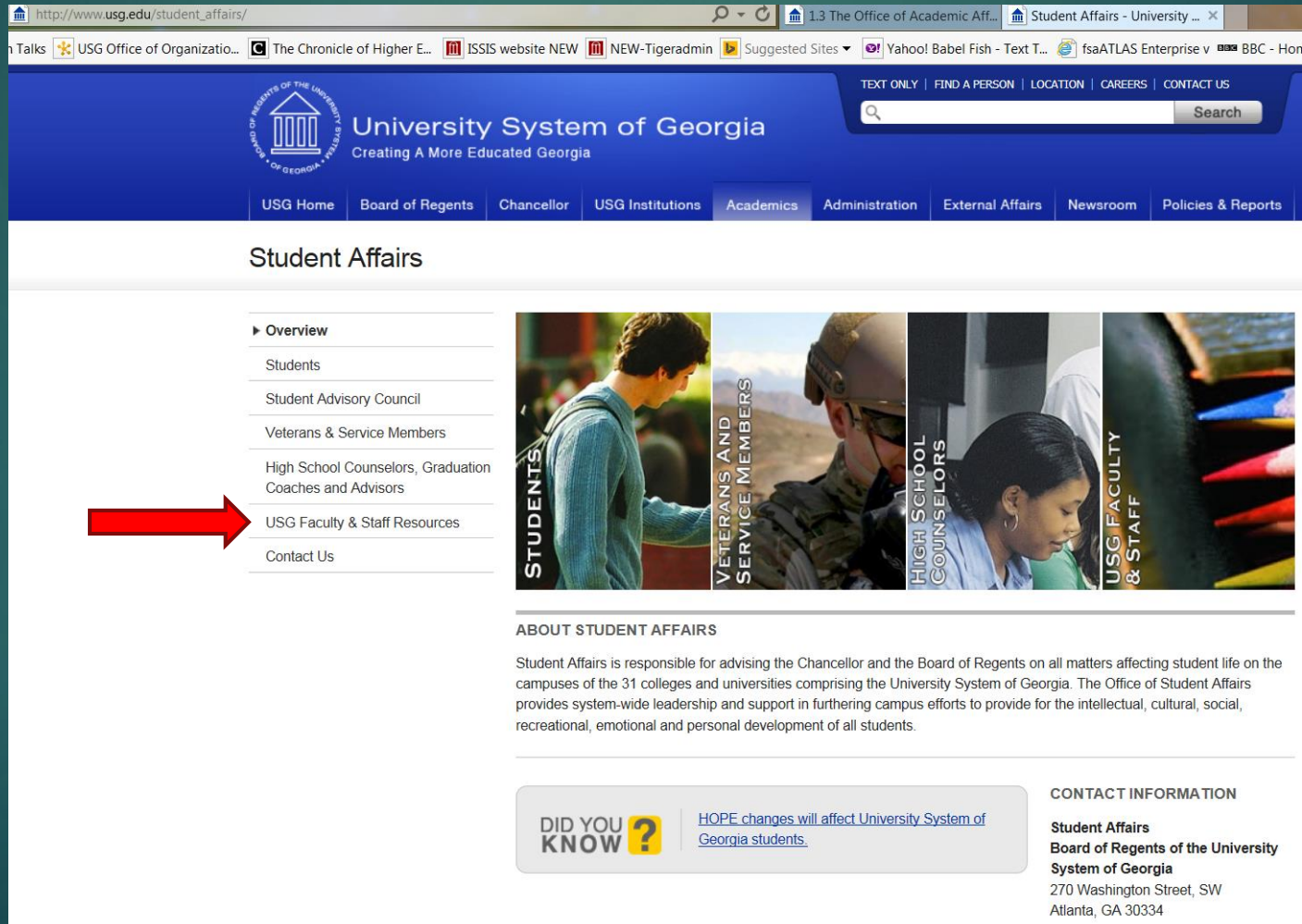
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- [educationUSA | Your guide to U.S. higher education](#)
Information on visas, financial assistance, scholarships, undergraduate and graduate study, etc. (U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs)
- [U.S. Immigration Information](#)
How Do I Become an Academic Student in the United States?
- [SEVIS - Student and Exchange Visitor Information System](#)
How to pay the SEVIS fee.
- [eduPASS - The SmartStudent Guide to Studying in the United States](#)
Information for international students who are thinking about pursuing an undergraduate, graduate, or professional education in the United States.
- [English Language Learning \(ETS\)](#)
Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
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Uh oh....
currently “international students” is a
dead link




Other Web Resources



The screenshot shows the University System of Georgia website. The header includes the university logo, name, and tagline "Creating A More Educated Georgia". Navigation links include "USG Home", "Board of Regents", "Chancellor", "USG Institutions", "Academics", "Administration", "External Affairs", "Newsroom", and "Policies & Reports". A search bar is also present.

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ABOUT STUDENT AFFAIRS

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DID YOU KNOW ?

[HOPE changes will affect University System of Georgia students.](#)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Student Affairs
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WEBSITE INFORMATION

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Policies and Resources

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Some of the resources and information provided on this site are confidential and intended for the use of USG Faculty and Staff.

POLICIES & INITIATIVES

- [Admissions Requirements](#)
- [Distance Education](#)
- [Foster and Homeless Youth](#)
- [GAcollge411](#)
- [Guaranteed Tuition Policy](#)
- [Immunizations Policy & Guidelines](#)
- [International Baccalaureate](#)
- [Learning Support](#)
- [Opportunities for High School Students](#)
- [Regents' Test](#)
- [Special Institutional Fee](#)
- [Student Disciplinary Actions Records System SDARS](#)
- [Tuition Classification Status Information](#)
- [Tuition, Fees and Financial Aid](#)
- [Verification of Lawful Presence](#)

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MANUAL FOR DETERMINING TUITION CLASSIFICATION AND AWARDING OUT-OF-STATE TUITION WAIVERS -

- [Manual for Determining Tuition Classification and Awarding Out-of-State Tuition Waivers](#) 

APPENDIX TO THE MANUAL

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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POLICY REVISIONS

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SAMPLE PETITION AND OUT-OF-STATE TUITION WAIVER APPLICATION MATERIALS

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CAMPUS TUITION CLASSIFICATION OFFICERS

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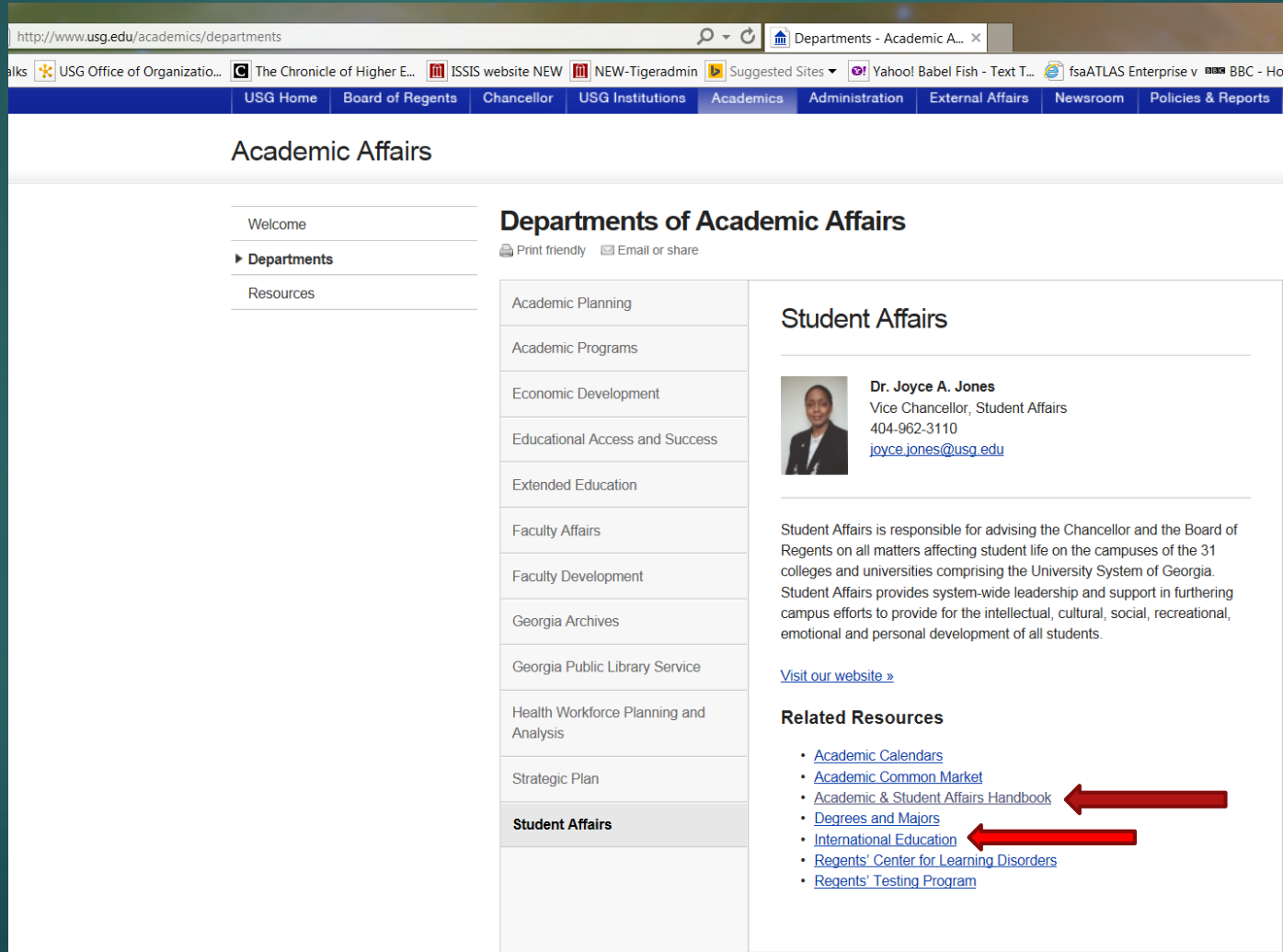
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appendix A - Glossary • Appendix B - Visa Types • Appendix C - Immigration Documents - removed - see Table 1 of the Manual for eligible noncitizen documentation• Appendix D - Memo regarding H1-B Visa-Holders Tuition Rate Assessment  (As of July 1, 2007, this Memo is no longer valid.)• Appendix E - Board of Regents Policy Manual: 4.3 Student Residency and 7.3.4.1 Out-of-State Tuition Waivers • Appendix F - Case law • Appendix G - HOPE Residency Clarification Memo • Appendix H - Additonal Resources• Appendix I - GAcollge411 Tuition Classification Algorithm ("Wizard") • Appendix J - ZSRTUIC Script Documentation - Using Tuition Classification Changes • Appendix K - Employment Authorized Statuses and Documentation for the Economic Advantage Waiver (6/13/14) • Appendix L - Employment Authorization Document Codes (5/18/11) • Appendix M - Verification of Lawful Presence• Appendix N - USG Tuition Classification and Out-of-State Tuition Waiver Audit Program (5/24/11) • Appendix O - Georgia Code 20-3-66 	
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Website (continued)



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the USG Academic Affairs website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.usg.edu/academics/departments>. The browser's tab is labeled "Departments - Academic A...". The browser's address bar also shows several search engines: USG Office of Organization, The Chronicle of Higher Education, ISSIS website NEW, NEW-Tigeradmin, Suggested Sites, Yahoo! Babel Fish - Text T..., fsaATLAS Enterprise v, BBC - Home.

The website's navigation bar includes links to USG Home, Board of Regents, Chancellor, USG Institutions, Academics, Administration, External Affairs, Newsroom, and Policies & Reports.

The main heading is "Academic Affairs". Below this heading, there is a sidebar with links to Welcome, Departments (highlighted), and Resources.

The main content area is titled "Departments of Academic Affairs". Below this title, there is a list of departments: Academic Planning, Academic Programs, Economic Development, Educational Access and Success, Extended Education, Faculty Affairs, Faculty Development, Georgia Archives, Georgia Public Library Service, Health Workforce Planning and Analysis, Strategic Plan, and Student Affairs (highlighted).

The "Student Affairs" section features a profile of Dr. Joyce A. Jones, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs, with contact information: 404-962-3110 and joyce.jones@usg.edu.

Below the profile, there is a paragraph describing the role of Student Affairs: "Student Affairs is responsible for advising the Chancellor and the Board of Regents on all matters affecting student life on the campuses of the 31 colleges and universities comprising the University System of Georgia. Student Affairs provides system-wide leadership and support in furthering campus efforts to provide for the intellectual, cultural, social, recreational, emotional and personal development of all students."

Below the paragraph, there is a link to "Visit our website »".

The "Related Resources" section lists several links: Academic Calendars, Academic Common Market, Academic & Student Affairs Handbook, Degrees and Majors, International Education, Regents' Center for Learning Disorders, and Regents' Testing Program. Two red arrows point to the "Academic & Student Affairs Handbook" and "International Education" links.

Upcoming Changes: Insurance Plan Options for International Students

- ▶ A “Plan B” option
- ▶ Goal is to benefit schools with smaller international enrollments – but may be an option for all
- ▶ Eligibility:
 - ▶ F-1 / J-1 non-resident alien international students / scholars NOT funded through assistantships by the institutions
 - ▶ Students on OPT / AT
- ▶ These students may waive out of the mandatory plan, and opt for the new plan specific to internationals (see hand-out)
- ▶ \$68. per month; medevac and re-patriation coverage available under a rider at \$100. per year
- ▶ Big jump in cost if spouse is added though --

Insurance – continued

- ▶ There may be a direct bill option for institutions
- ▶ Company is working on a dedicated link for internationals to use to sign up
- ▶ Insurance is valid only while full-time enrollment is maintained
- ▶ Not yet in effect – but possibly very soon...
- ▶ Upcoming meeting in Atlanta on July 31st with Dr. Podoll and insurance review committee to discuss further
- ▶ Even if available option for fall, further changes may be required by January, when new provisions from the ACA may be implemented

Travel Insurance - Reminder

- ▶ USG covers all employees, their spouses and dependents, under a worldwide travel policy
- ▶ See handout
- ▶ Covers business and personal travel, domestically and internationally
- ▶ Gap in coverage, though, when it comes to liability insurance

Out-of-State Tuition Waivers

- ▶ Memo went out earlier in June to Presidents regarding imminent changes to waiver numbers allotted to each school
- ▶ Proposed cut back from 4% of enrollment to 3% for larger schools
- ▶ Cut back to 1.5% for smaller schools
- ▶ Proposal to clump three types of waivers (international students, athletes and outstanding academic students) into one category
 - ▶ Limit each group to no more than 1/3 of the total numbers awarded
 - ▶ Students must be in top quartile
 - ▶ Maintain a 3.0 GPA
- ▶ At Tech for instance, and smaller schools – the majority of waivers go to athletes...this would have a big impact on those schools.

Waivers (continued)

- ▶ Institutional president responses were received and are being taken into consideration
- ▶ Waivers are on the agenda for the August BoR meeting
- ▶ These changes would be effective Fall 2015
- ▶ Current students would be grandfathered in through graduation

Tuition Waivers and International Exchange Students

- ▶ Reminder from Dr. Podoll:
 - ▶ A full waiver of all tuition is possible, but only if it is a true one-to-one exchange
 - ▶ Exchanges under a full waiver should be timely (say within a year) but do not need to be concurrent
 - ▶ This is **not** possible for Fulbright or Rotary exchange students

Education Abroad

- ▶ Updates from Liz Havey, Chair, EA committee:
 - ▶ The USG contract for study abroad insurance with CISI has been renewed at the same rates as last year. For more information, contact CISI directly, Liz, or Dr. Podoll.
 - ▶ Liz is collecting agenda items for the SCIE – EA September 5th meeting. If anyone has something to add, please contact Liz (Liz Havey liz.havey@gcsu.edu).
- ▶ Tuition waivers and fees
- ▶ In-state tuition rates for any study abroad term...
- ▶ ...but...required \$250. fee must be charged
 - ▶ http://www.usg.edu/business_procedures_manual/section21/manual/C1608

Business Procedures Manual

Search the business manual

Go

Introduction

1.0: Accounting Principles and Definitions

2.0: Chart of Accounts

3.0: Purchasing and Contracts

4.0: Travel

5.0: Payroll

6.0: Accounts Payable

7.0: Capitalization

8.0: Budget Process

9.0: Banking and Investments

10.0: Accounts Receivable

11.0: Inventory

12.0: Data Governance and Management

13.0: Financial Management and Information Systems

14.0: Agency Funds

15.0: Auxiliary Enterprise Funds

16.0: Audits

17.0: Affiliated Organizations

21.2 Registration and Fee Payment

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USG students who participate in approved study abroad programs should normally be assessed tuition and program fees by their home institution (or the sponsoring institution) Bursar's Office. Study Abroad Offices and program directors should avoid the direct receipt of payments from students, whenever possible. Permitted exceptions include the payment of an initial application fee. Study Abroad Offices and program directors should provide to the Bursar's Office necessary information about each student and his/her appropriate program charges, so that these can be entered into the institution's student information system.

In most instances, a USG student should remain registered at his/her home institution during the period of international study. Students remain eligible for all appropriate financial aid. Financial aid awards may be adjusted to include the higher costs of travel, living expenses, etc. that may be incurred for the study abroad program.

Study abroad fees generally consist of two components:

1. **Tuition and mandatory student fees related to the actual registration for classes.** All study abroad students pay a minimum of in-state tuition and applicable mandatory fees, some of which may be waived in accordance with BOR policy. Whenever possible, tuition should be assessed by the regular student information system when registration occurs. Payment due dates and refund dates should be the same as those for students taking campus-based courses.

Tuition charges for out-of-state students are set at a minimum of in-state tuition plus a \$250 surcharge per term. A higher surcharge may be assessed if approved by the president of the institution or her/his designee, but the tuition and surcharge should never exceed the BOR approved limit for out-of-state tuition charges.

2. **Program specific fees (for travel, lodging, meals, exchange rate variance, etc.).** These program fees should be assessed in the student information system whenever possible. The payment deadlines and refund schedules for these fees will vary from program to program. Payment due dates and refund dates can be earlier, but should not be later, than the due dates and refund dates for students taking campus-based courses.

General International Student / Scholar Updates

- ▶ SEVIS Recertification – round 2 – has begun
- ▶ New Address and name validation standards are being implemented in SEVIS
- ▶ New DSO update process memo and guidance is out
- ▶ We may see updated guidance on CPT and OPT soon from SEVP
- ▶ CBP memo on I-94 system and data
- ▶ New prevailing wages are out for DoL
- ▶ Others?

Questions?

- ▶ I will refer any questions that we are unable to answer back to Dr. Podoll