The purpose of this reference manual is to give you the most up-to-date tools and resources available to assist you in the recruiting process. Contents in this manual were pulled from various resources including CUPA’s Interviewing and Hiring Workbook.

- We have included a search checklist in this manual. This tool can be used to keep you on track as you head through the search process. You might want to make a copy of this sheet and put it in your search file.

Every hiring situation is unique and has its own challenges. Please contact Human Resources for additional consulting. We hope this helps you with your hiring process.

The Human Resources Department
## HR Department Key Contacts

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- Contact Human Resources at Ext. 2000
- All positions and the Application for Employment are posted on the GSW website
Where Do We Look for Talented Resources

- Internal Job Postings
- Chronicle of Higher Education
  - Trade Publications
  - Newspapers Ads
- Faculty and Staff Referrals
  - Internet Websites
  - College Directories
- Professional Relationships
- University System of GA Applicant Clearinghouse
Search Checklist

Pre-Interview Preparation and Finding Your Talent – Have You?

- Submitted a “Request to Fill” form and received approval from the President, the VP for Academic Affairs/VP for Student Affairs and the VP for Business and Finance?
- Have you developed your job announcement and discussed your advertising scheme with Human Resources?
- Identified the job qualifications to begin to develop your phone and on-campus interview questions?
- Considered various sources to find your talent? Does your pool include women and minority members?
- Enlisted the help of peers, Chairs and/or your Dean/ 
- Assessed the previous employee’s performance, (strengths and weaknesses) and included that in your hiring criteria?
- Selected a diverse search committee and briefed them on their responsibilities and the search process you will be following?
- Reviewed the search and recruiting package guidelines for conducting the search and reviewing resumes?
- Included at least three applicants in your pool (if possible).

The Interview Discussion – Have You?

- Created a question document for the interview?
- Created a similar structured interview format for each applicant?
- Included students, a tour of campus and Americus, peers, administrators and the Human Resources Department in your on–campus interview itinerary?

Conducting the Interview – Have You?

- Established rapport with the applicant?
- Explained the purpose and process and set the agenda for the interview?
- Used your selected interview questions?
- Gathered applicant information during the interview, taking factual notes?
- Described GSW and Americus to the applicant?
- Concluded the interview with a summary of next steps?

Conducting Post-Interview Procedures – Have You?

- Evaluated your interview results?
- Checked the applicant’s references?
- Notified applicants of their status?
- Contacted the Human Resources Office or Academic Affairs regarding the job offer?
- Completed the Closed Search Forms?
Reviewing the Position

- Complete Request to Fill form and get appropriate approvals.

- Review and follow GSW search procedures for approval of positions, selection of chair, and search committee members.

- Set up a meeting with the HR Department to discuss search process and to begin advertising of position.

- Identify position qualifications by identifying the KSAs (knowledge, skills, abilities) of the position

- Determine from the previous employee’s performance the qualifications essential for success.

- Select search committee and brief them on responsibilities and the search process.
Affirmative Action is not preferential treatment. Nor does it mean that unqualified persons should be hired or promoted over other people. What Affirmative Action does mean is that positive steps must be taken to provide equal opportunity.

Affirmative Action is the tool; Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) is the goal.
Pre-Interview Process

To increase the pool of minority and female applicants, the search chair may want to:

- Advertise in journals and job listings aimed at minority and/or female applicants.
- Recruit at national conferences as an effective and economical way of reaching potential candidates.
- Send letters or call prominent female or minority faculty at other institutions to request referrals.
- Involve Chairs, Dean and Administrators and ask them for their help in recruiting diverse applicant pools.

Talk with the Human Resources Department for more ideas.
Reviewing Applications, Vitas, and Resumes

- Stability
- Neatness and Readability
- Accuracy
- Gaps in Work History and Blanks or omissions
- Skills and Experience
- Transferable Skills

Check search guidelines for reviewing of resumes and applications. The Committee should all be using the same criteria to review applications.
Developing the Questions

- Questions should generate responses used to related job related skills.
- Ask the applicant for specific behavioral examples from their past.
- Create a structured interview with a series of written questions to ask the candidate. Organize them under the skill you are trying to access.
- Create a question document which leaves space below for the interview’s notes.
- Be sure all questions are job related and legal. Ask similar questions of both men and women.
Who Should Be Involved?

*A consistent recruiting itinerary should be developed for each applicant. The on-campus interview might include:*

- Tour of campus and Americus.
- Peer Group Meeting
- Student Interaction – students can be selected as actual search committee members OR a separate meeting could be set up Academic Affairs
- Human Resources Department

The Human Resources Department will provide a GSW folder that includes Chamber of Commerce information, benefits, and additional GSW information.
Remember to:

- Tolerate silence, give ample time to think and provide a response.
- Encourage detailed responses and specific examples by asking...."What made that situation so challenging?" or “How exactly did you meet that goal?”
- Try not to talk more than 25% of the time.
- Give non-verbal signals of listening, such as head nodding, making eye contact, and learning forward.
- Try to avoid questions that require a “yes” or “no” response.
- Avoid giving personal opinions.
- Establish rapport
- Explain the purpose and set the agenda
- Ask all applicants the same questions
- Gather information by note taking
- Describe the position and GSW overall
- Give each applicant the opportunity to ask questions.
- Conclude interview with a summary of next steps.
Post-Interview Procedures

- Evaluate Interview Results
- Check References
- Notify applicants of status
- Make a job offer
- Complete Closed Search paperwork
Review of Employment Laws
# Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws

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Review of Legal Questions

- Past work experience
- Behavioral Questions – past performance predicts future performance
- Relevant Education and Training
- Attendance and Punctuality
- Supervision
- Management
- Problem Solving/Case Studies
SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Questions to Ask:

Past Work Experience in General –

1. Please describe your present responsibilities and duties.
2. How do you spend an average day?
3. How has your current position changed from the day you started until now?
4. Describe the most complex problem you had to solve in your last/current position.
5. Discuss some of the problems you have encountered in past positions.
6. What do you consider to be your most important accomplishment?
7. What were some of the setbacks or disappointments you experienced in the last three positions you have held?
8. Why did you leave your last employer/why would you consider leaving your current employer?
9. What did you want in your next job that you are not getting now?
10. Describe your involvement with committees, your role on the committees, and what you have learned from each experience.
11. In previous positions, how much of your work was accomplished alone and how much was part of a team effort?
12. What was the most radical idea you ever introduced to an employer and what was the result?
13. Give me an example of a time when you questioned a policy or procedure when it might have been better or easier to go along with it?
14. What kinds of policies and procedures have you created and to whom did you take them for approval?
15. Describe the most difficult interpersonal challenge you have been faced with and what you did about it?
16. Have you had any public speaking experience? If so, who was the audience, and what was the purpose: selling, informing?
17. Give an example of a potentially volatile situation or individual that you successfully calmed down and how you went about it.
18. Describe a time when you went “beyond the call of duty” to accomplish a task.
19. Describe the most difficult person you have ever worked with and how you handled him or her.
20. Describe a situation in which it was necessary for you to mediate or negotiate a solution or compromise.
21. What kinds of work pressure do you find the most difficult to deal with?
22. Describe what you mean by “on the job” stress.
23. Describe a time when you felt you “lost your cool” on the job and the result.
24. Describe the worst boss you ever had.
25. Describe the best boss you ever had.
26. Tell me about a failure in your working life and why it occurred.
27. What could your last employer have done to keep you?
Sample Interview Questions/Questions to Ask continued.

Relevant Education and Training –

1. Why did you choose the particular college you attended?
2. What determined your choice of major?
3. How do you think college contributed to your overall development?
4. In what way do you believe your education and training has prepared you for this position?
5. What special training do you have that is relevant to this position?
6. What licenses or certificates do you have that are relevant to this position?
7. What professional affiliations do you have that are relevant to this position?

The Vacant Position –

1. In what way does this position meet your career goals and objectives?
2. If you were hired for this job, in what areas could you contribute immediately, and in what areas would you need some additional training?
3. What changes and developments do you anticipate in your particular field that might be relevant to this position?
4. What are your salary expectations if offered this position?
5. Can you perform all the essential functions of this job with or without reasonably accommodations?
6. Are you able to travel as required by this position?
7. Are you able to relocate, if necessary:

Attendance and Punctuality –

1. How many days of work did you miss other than for medical reasons, in the last year worked?
2. How many times were you tardy for work in the last year you worked?
3. What do you consider to be good attendance?
4. What do you consider a legitimate reason for missing work?
5. Do you know of any reason why you would not be able to get to work on time on a regular basis?
6. Are you able to work overtime?

Clerical/Secretarial Work –

1. What word processing systems have you worked with, and what are the advantages and disadvantages of each?
2. Describe the kinds of telephone and receptionist duties you have had, being specific about the number of calls and walk-ins you received in a typical day.
3. Describe your past experience with scheduling appointments.
Clerical/Secretarial Work continued –

4. Give me an example of a task you performance that required attention to detail, and what you did to ensure accuracy.
5. What are some of the more unusual assignments you have been given?
6. What kinds of filing systems have you used and/or created?
7. Which kinds of reports did you develop, create, or produce?
8. What volume of mail did you typically process in a day?
9. Which decision did you make on your own and which did you refer to your boss?
10. What kinds of correspondence have you written on your own initiative?

Supervision –
1. Describe the positions in which you have had supervisory responsibility. How many people have you supervised and in what kinds of positions? Did you have hiring/firing authority?
2. Give an example of a time when you were disappointed by an employee’s lack of accomplishment and what you did about it?
3. What are the generally accepted steps in progressive discipline?
4. In your experience, what kinds of things motivate an employee?
5. Describe what is meant by “problem employee”.
6. Describe a sticky situation with an employee and what you did about it.
7. Describe an innovative way you handled a conflict involving two or more of your subordinates.
8. What kinds of things can a supervisor do to create a positive working environment?
9. What training and experience do you have in listening skills?
10. Approximately how many people have you personally hired in your career?
11. Describe an effective performance planning and review process.
12. What methods of communicating with subordinates have you found most successful?
13. What recognition and reward systems have you found most effective?
14. What is the role of a supervisor, in your opinion?
15. What are the major responsibilities of a supervisor, in your opinion?
16. What is an effective training and orientation program for a new employee?
17. Describe the most serious complaint an employee brought to your attention and what you did about it?
18. Give an example of the most novel idea an employee presented to you and what you did about it?
19. What is meant by the term “protected class” under the civil rights law?
20. Under federal wage and hour laws, describe “exempt” and “non-exempt” employees.
Management –
1. What was the level of your decision-making authority in past positions?
2. Describe a decision you made that had an unhappy result?
3. Give an example of a decision you made that backfired and what did you do about it?
4. Give an example of a decision you made that turned out better than you believed possible.
5. Describe a time when you made a decision in the absence of a clear policy regarding the issue.
6. Have you experienced political pressure that interfered with your getting the job done?
7. Describe your experience with setting goals and objectives.
8. Describe your experience in developing and monitoring budgets.
9. What fiscal authority have you had in past positions?
10. Given an example of a situation in which a budget overrun was necessary to accomplish a goal.
11. What is the most effective method for setting priorities, in your opinion?
12. What would your current/past employer tell us about your ability to organize your work?
13. Describe a time when your goals conflicted with the goals of the organization and what you did about it.
14. What is your most innovative accomplishment?
15. What is your most creative idea that was turned down?
16. What experience do you have with writing?
17. What have you done in the past five years to improve your writing skills?
18. What have others said about your writing ability?
19. What experience have you had with public presentations?
20. What was the purpose, and what visual aids and kinds of notes did you use?

Problem Solving –
1. Briefly describe a difficult situation to the vacant position, doing so in a way that protects the privacy of individuals involved. Ask an open-ended question – one that does not require knowledge of institutional or departmental policies and procedures—about how the applicant would deal with the situation. Encourage the applicant to think out loud and explain the kinds of solutions he or she might try.

Customer Service Skills –
1. Give an example of a time when your customer service skills really helped you deal with an upset customer.
2. What is your proudest customer/constituent accomplishment?
3. Why do you think it is important for our university to obtain a high level of constituent satisfaction?
4. What was the most stressful customer service issue you had to handle and what was the outcome?
5. Describe an occasion when you received exceptional customer service and what was the impact on you?
6. Give me an example of a time when you “blew it” with a customer, what was the outcome?

Student Questions for Faculty or Administrators –
1. Describe your teaching style.
2. Describe your advising style.
3. Describe your best/worse student encounters and how you handled each?
4. What do you like the most about teaching?
5. Tell about a time when you were successful at helping a student succeed.
6. Tell about a time when you had a particularly difficult relationship with a student and how you handled it.
7. Describe what you like the most about the academic environment.
8. How do you get involved in campus activities and what types of activities do you find the most interesting.
Questions **NOT** to Ask:
1. What kind of child-care arrangements do you have?
2. Does your spouse expect you to be home to cook dinner?
3. What will you do if your children get sick?
4. How do you get to work?
5. How many children do you have?
6. Does your spouse live with you or contribute to your support?
7. Do you have your own home?
8. Do you own a car?
9. Do you have any debts?
10. Do you have any loans?
11. Do you plan to get married?
12. Do you plan to have children?
13. What sort of birth control do you use?
14. Are you likely to quit if married or have children?
15. Is your spouse likely to be transferred?
16. Is your spouse from this area?
17. Would a white (or black) supervisor create any difficulties for you?
18. How do you feel about having to work with members of a different race?
19. Are you militant?
20. Do you get along with other women (or men)?
21. Will it bother you if others swear?
22. Were you born in this country?
23. Do you have people in the “old country”?
24. That’s an unusual name – what nationality are you?
25. Can you provide a photograph of yourself?
26. How old are you?
REVIEW OF LEGAL QUESTIONS: Common Rating Errors

- Halo Effect - The tendency to rate a person high on all factors.
- Horns Effect – the opposite of Halo
- Central Tendency – the inability to rate all or most applicants anywhere but in the middle
- Similar to me – the tendency to rate higher those people that look, act, or have a background most like the interviewer
- First Impression – making the decision within moments of the interview
- The employer cannot discriminate in any aspect of the hiring process by refusing to consider persons with disabilities.

- Employers cannot refuse to consider requests for reasonable accommodations or reject applicants because of need for a reasonable accommodation.

- The obligation for reasonable accommodation extends to the hiring process itself including applications and interviews.

- The employer is substantially restricted from asking questions about the applicant's physical or mental disability. Medical inquiries can be conducted only after a conditional offer has been made.

- The employer can use pre-employment tests at any stage of the hiring process to determine whether an applicant possesses the requisite skills. Reasonable accommodations in the testing process should be used and the tests should measure necessary skills and abilities, not the disabilities.

- Employers should ensure the selection criteria in the hiring process are not discriminatory.

- Look out for discrimination based on stereotypes, potential for future injury on the job, or perhaps future accommodations.

Please call the HR department if you have questions on ADA hiring issues.
The Hiring Process

Things to Remember (taken from GSW Policies and Procedure Manual)

**Nepotism - Employment of Relatives**

The criteria for hiring and promotion at the University are the required qualifications and performance as set forth in the policies of the Board of Regents. Relationship by family or marriage constitutes neither an advantage nor a disadvantage; however, no individual will be employed in a department or unit under the supervision of a relative who has or may have a direct effect on the individual's progress, performance or welfare. Relatives are defined as husbands and wives, parents and children, brothers, sisters, and any in-laws of the foregoing.

**Family Members in the Workplace**

While the University encourages the families of faculty and staff to take advantage of opportunities on the campus, it is emphasized that University employees should not allow family members to visit them on a regular or prolonged basis while in the workplace. It is expected that University personnel will make the necessary arrangements for child care.

**Employment of Foreign Nationals**

The employment of individuals who are not U.S. citizens shall be in compliance with the appropriate laws and regulations administered by the U.S. Immigration Service. All new employees must present evidence that they are authorized to work in the United States.

**Definitions of Employment Status**

For the purpose of personnel administration, all employees of Georgia Southwestern State University are categorized in one of three classifications: Faculty, Professional/Administrative, or Staff.

**Faculty**

Faculty members are governed by the policies as set forth in the Georgia Southwestern Faculty Handbook. The Faculty Handbook is available in the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

**Regular Classified Employees**

Personnel employed for a continuous period that is expected to exceed two academic semesters or six calendar months are "regular" employees. Regular employees employed on a half-time or better basis have all institutional benefits extended to them. Regular employees employed on a less than half-time basis are not entitled to institutional benefits.

The Human Resources Department is responsible for determining if a position is to be designated as either exempt or non-exempt in compliance with federal law.
Exempt personnel - An employee will be classified as exempt from provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act when their duties and salary meet the criteria required in the Act. Exempt employees are not entitled to additional pay or compensatory time off for hours worked in excess of 40 hours in a given work week.

Non-exempt personnel - An employee will be classified as non-exempt when their duties do not meet the criteria to be exempt from the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act. Non-exempt employees are subject to the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act and are eligible to be compensated for hours worked in excess of 40 hours per week. OVERTIME MUST BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE BY THE SUPERVISOR OR DEPARTMENT HEAD.

Temporary Personnel

Personnel not employed as regular classified employees are considered temporary employees. Temporary employees are employed for a period no longer than six calendar months, however, subject to the approval of the Chief Business Officer or his/her designated representative, temporary employment may be extended for an additional six months if necessary. Temporary employees having worked for a twelve month period must have a 30-day service break prior to subsequent employment of a temporary nature. All student assistants are classified as temporary employees, and are not subject to these service and reemployment restrictions.

Student Employment

Full-time, part-time, or otherwise institutionally employed students are employed only on an hourly basis with remuneration for such work to be computed by the hour unless otherwise classified by the Director of Human Resources.
Sample Ads, Letters and Evaluation Forms
POSITION VACANCY NOTICE

POSITION TITLE: Records Coordinator
Registrar’s Office

POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES: This is administrative and clerical work managing student records and performing data processes and transactions using the Banner Student Information System.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High school diploma required. Working knowledge of MS Word and Excel required. One year clerical record-keeping experience preferred. Candidate must possess excellent customer service skills and be able to multi-task and be detail oriented.

SALARY: $9.50/hr.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 28, 2008

DATE AVAILABLE: Upon hire

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Submit GSW Application for Employment, cover letter, and resume to:

Human Resources
Records Coordinator Search
Georgia Southwestern State University
800 GSW State University Drive
Americus, GA 31709.

Sample

POSITION NOTICE # 08-31
Georgia Southwestern State University is a senior unit of the University System of Georgia. It offers degrees in the Schools of Arts and Sciences, Business, Computer and Information Sciences, Education, and Nursing with programs at the baccalaureate, master's, and specialist levels. Located in historic Americus, the campus is 135 miles south of Atlanta in an area with mild climate and classical southern architecture. Plains, the home of former President Jimmy Carter, is nine miles away. With a student body averaging round 2600 students, Georgia Southwestern specializes in individual attention from a concerned and friendly faculty. Situated on 250 wooded acres, the beauty of the campus and its security combine to create a perfect setting for academic exploration. Sister college relationships and academic exchanges with colleges in the Far East have created a uniquely international campus and Georgia Southwestern has been chosen as the host institution for the University System of Georgia Center for Asian Studies.

The Rosalynn Carter Institute for Human Development, which is located on the GSW campus, is becoming a national force in its efforts to improve the human condition.

Created in 1906 as an Agricultural and Mechanical School, Georgia Southwestern is steeped in the traditions of the land-rich South, but has grown and responded to the challenges of the computer age. GSW cultural events including theatre productions, a Chamber concert Series and a visiting artists program; nationally ranked intercollegiate athletic programs; and a beautiful campus with outstanding facilities create an invaluable resource for the area.

Undergraduate and graduate degrees, dual degree programs with Georgia Tech and South Georgia Technical Institute, and a strong continuing education program all contribute to the quality of GSW graduates.

Georgia Southwestern State University is an AA/EO/ADA Institution and accommodates persons with disabilities and as such does not discriminate in any matter concerning students, employees, or services to its community on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, veteran status, handicap, age or national origin. The University is in compliance with all known federal, state, and local regulations regarding nondiscrimination.

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**POSITION VACANCY NOTICE**

**POSITION TITLE:** Assistant Professor of Music

**POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Department of Music at Georgia Southwestern State University seeks to hire a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Music. Primary responsibilities will include the following: Music Appreciation, Music History, and Applied Music (piano or other instrument). Responsibilities will also include one or more of the following: Conduct Band, Group Piano, Music Education, Conducting, or Music Theory, dependent on expertise of candidate and departmental need. An interest in Music Technology will enhance the application.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:** Doctorate in Music, or Master's in Music with significant teaching experience, and a commitment to a small but vibrant undergraduate program in music.

**SALARY:** Commensurate with experience and expertise.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Review of applications will begin November 15, 2007, and continue until filled.

**DATE AVAILABLE:** August 2008

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** Submit GSW Faculty Application (available at www.gsw.edu/job/index.html), letter of application, cv, unofficial transcripts, and three letters of recommendation to

Human Resources
Music Search
Georgia Southwestern State University
800 GSW State University Drive
Americus, GA 31709-4693

Sample

**POSITION NOTICE # 08-10**
Date

Name
Address

Dear:

RE: (Job Title)

We have your letter of interest and resume for the above position at Georgia Southwestern State University. As a part of our record keeping required in a search such as this, I am sending you the enclosed Voluntary Employment Information form. This form is voluntary and will not be used as a factor in consideration of your application.

Your application materials will be reviewed by a search committee, which will select candidates to be interviewed. When this position is filled, all candidates will receive a letter informing them that the process is complete.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for applying for this position with Georgia Southwestern State University and to assure you that your application will receive careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Letter acknowledging receipt of application and requesting completion of Voluntary Information form
January 15, 2004

Name
Address
Zip

Dear********:

RE: Assistant Professor of __________________________

We have received your letter of application for the above position at Georgia Southwestern State University. As part of our record keeping in a search such as this, I am sending you the enclosed Voluntary Employment Information form. This form is voluntary and will not be used as a factor in consideration of your application.

In addition, the following check list records items for your file to date. Each item on this list must be received in order for your application to be competed and for you to considered for this position.

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GSW “Faculty Application” form (may be printed form http://www.gsw.edu/~hr/forms/facultyapplication.pdf)

When your application materials are compete, they will be reviewed by a search committee, which will select candidates to be interviewed. When this position is filled, all candidates will receive a letter informing them that the process is compete.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for applying for this position with Georgia Southwestern State University. Your application will receive careful consideration.

Sincerely,
GEORGIA SOUTHWESTERN
STATE UNIVERSITY 800 Wheatley Street Americus, GA 31709

Dear Applicant:

Georgia Southwestern State University is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. As a federal contractor, we are required to compile the following information in order to comply with Federal Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action requirements. The information you provide is strictly on a voluntary basis and failure to supply it will not in any way affect your employment.

Thank you for your interest in employment with Georgia Southwestern State University.

Sincerely,

Janet L. Siders
Director of Human Resources

NAME: ____________________________________________________________

POSITION FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING: ____________________________

How did you learn of this vacancy? (please be specific) _____________________________________________________________________________________

☐ I WISH TO SELF-IDENTIFY as follows:  
Please indicate the gender and ethnic group with which you identify. (A definition of each ethnic group is provided below.)

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☐ I DO NOT WISH TO SELF-IDENTIFY

AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE: Persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America and who maintain cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: Persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Pacific Islands. These areas include, for example, China, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, Bhutan, Japan, Korea, Philippine Islands and Okinawa.

AFRICAN AMERICAN (Non-Hispanic): Persons having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

HISPANIC: Persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South Americans or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. Only persons from Central and South Americans countries who are of Spanish origin, descent, or culture are excluded. Persons from Spain, Portugal, or Italian heritage who have names that are similar to Spanish surnames in spelling or pronunciation, or persons who receive a Spanish surname through marriage, are not included in this category.

WHITE (Non-Hispanic): Persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East.

Please return this form to:

Human Resources
Georgia Southwestern State University
800 Wheatley Street
Americus, GA 31709

GEORGIA SOUTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY IS AN AA/ADA/EOE EMPLOYER
Georgia Southwestern State University
Check & Criteria for Application Screening

Candidate Name: ____________________  Current Position: ____________________

Graduate Degree(s)/Field: ____________________________________________________

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| III. Criteria based on qualifications described in position announcement. Score |
| Please rank the above candidate as Superior (1), Above Average, (2) Average (3), Poor (4), or Inadequate (5). |
| A. Evidence of acquired degree in appropriate or relate field | Score |
| B. Evidence of successful college teaching experience? | Score |
| C. Evidence of successful professional service (university committees, professional organizations, professional development, etc)? | Score |

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CANDIDATE EVALUATION FORM

Candidate: ___________________________ Date/Time: ___________________________

Position: ___________________________ Interviewer: ___________________________

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Comments:


RECOMMENDATIONS

☐ Recommend without reservation

☐ Recommend with the following reservations:

☐ Do not recommend for the following reasons:

Comments or concerns expressed by the candidate:


Additional information requested by the candidate/interviewer:


Please return this form to Human Resources
Date

Name
Address

Dear:

I appreciate very much your interest in being considered for the position of (Job Title) at Georgia Southwestern State University. While your credentials and background are impressive, I must advise you that your application is not among those that are presently being considered. We are very fortunate to have had a large number of qualified applicants to consider, and we feel that the final selection will be a candidate who will be the best match for our institution at this time.

Again, thank you for your interest, and I wish you the best of luck as you continue to advance your professional career. If I can be of any assistance to you in the future, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Letter advising candidates that they are no longer being considered for the position
Date

Address

Dear:

Thank you for your interest in the (Job Title) position at Georgia Southwestern State University. While your credentials and background are impressive, we have offered the job to a candidate that will best match the needs of our institution at this time.

Again, thank you for interest in employment at Georgia Southwestern State University, and I wish you the best of luck as you continue to advance in your professional career.

Sincerely,

This letter is intended to be sent out after ALL interviewing is complete and selection has been made.
The Director of Human Resources writes all offer letters for Professional or Staff employees. You must provide HR with the:

- Title of the Position
- Whether it is Full or Part Time
- What the annual rate is
- The start date

The Vice President for Academic Affairs writes all offer letters for faculty employees.
803.05 INTRASYSTEM RECRUITMENT

It is recognized as a good practice for University System institutions to employ principal administrators and faculty members from other institutions of the System. When a president wishes to consider for employment a principal administrator or faculty member of another institution in the System, he/she shall notify the president of the employing institution before an offer is made to the principal administrator or faculty member. When a formal offer is made, the letter shall include a statement to the effect that acceptance can be made only after all contractual obligations have been fulfilled.
A. Policy

Georgia Southwestern State University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. In order to fulfill this commitment and requirement, all advertisements for GSW regular staff job openings will be posted by the Human Resources Office on campus in the usual manner as required by the GSW affirmative action guidelines, for a minimum of 10 (ten) working days. Six month temporary assignments may be allowed without a search on an exception basis for but this must be approved in advance by the appropriate Department Head and the President. Full consideration will be given to all internal candidates who meet the minimum qualifications for the position in the interest of career advancement or their desire to transfer to another department or career path.

B. Procedure

1. Employment Request

When filling a job vacancy, the department head should submit a "Request to Fill Position Vacancy" form. The completed form along with an accurate up-to-date job description is forwarded to Human Resources. Before a search can be initiated, the search must first be approved by the Vice President for Business and Finance and then by the President and the Vice President for Academic Affairs, if appropriate. Human Resources will notify the department head that the search has been approved, and, in consultation with the hiring official or search committee chair, the search process is initiated. In addition, a search packet is sent to the hiring official or search committee chair to aid them in the search/appointment process. Of course, Human Resources is available should you have any questions regarding the search process.

1a. Preparing the Announcement

After approval is obtained to initiate a search, the Department Head should prepare a draft of a vacancy announcement using the job description for the position. The duties should be clear and concise. The minimum qualifications should be clear about what is required and what is preferred regarding years of experience and educational background. If there are physical demands in the job, they should be articulated in the announcement as well. A cover letter addressing the job requirements must be submitted by candidates for all Professional/Administrative positions. The minimum qualifications should be written with sufficient specificity to attract candidates who will have the skills and experience to do the job but must be broad enough to attract a diverse applicant pool.

2. Recruitment

The department should provide the draft of the job description and announcement to the Human Resources Office and request that they initiate recruitment activities in compliance with the University’s Affirmative Action procedures. These activities shall include but not be limited to the following:

a) Notification by e-mail to all employees on campus of the job posting on the GSW web site and on the Human Resources Job Posting board. Full and careful consideration will be given to all internal candidates who meet the minimal qualifications for the position. Under no circumstances should an internal applicant be subjected to retaliation by his/her supervisor for making such application for a
transfer or promotion.

b) Support staff positions will be advertised in the local newspaper, with the Department of Labor, and on Georgia Southwestern's web page. Application deadlines for support staff positions will be at least ten working days from the date of the posting. Administrative/professional vacancies will be advertised in local and regional newspapers, the Department of Labor, the University System Applicant Clearinghouse, professional publications, Georgia Southwestern's web page and in The Chronicle of Higher Education, if appropriate. Application deadlines for administrative/professional positions will be at least fifteen working days from the date of the posting.

c) The vacancy announcement should also be shared with selected professional, social, and service organizations including those directed to women and minorities.

d) Listing a position vacancy through other sources, such as minority journals and organizations is strongly encouraged by the University administration.

3. Internal Postings

There are occasions when it could be advantageous to GSW to limit the search to on campus employees before advertising off campus. This provides promotion and transfer opportunities for our employees. The position is advertised on campus through the faculty/staff listserv and on the GSW Job Opportunities board for 5 working days. All regular employees who have successfully competed their 6-month probationary period are eligible to apply. Employees must submit the GSW Application for Employment and any other required documentation and return all information to the Human Resources office by the deadline date to be considered.

4. GSW Support Staff - Applying for a Transfer or Promotion

GSW support staff employees applying for a support staff transfer and/or promotion will need to complete the formal GSW Application for Employment and submit it to the Human Resources Office. Please contact Human Resources for further information regarding transfers and promotions.

5. Acknowledgment of Resumes

A letter acknowledging receipt of applications/resumes should be sent to all applicants. Applicants for professional/administrative positions should also be sent a Voluntary Employment Identification form. It must be clearly stated that self-identification is voluntary and will not be considered in the screening and selection process. Information from these forms will be used to assess our recruiting efforts and to compile statistics regarding our applicant pool.

6. Screening

The Department Head is responsible for the final selection of all staff employees within his/her Department/School. It is highly recommended that a recruitment/screening committee be formed to screen and interview candidates for professional/administrative vacancies. The size of the recruitment screening committee will vary but it will be between three and ten members. Every effort should be made to have women and minorities represented on the search committee. After the posted closing date, the screening committee shall review all applications for the position giving careful consideration to internal candidates. Selection criteria include: job related skills, training,
experience and education to carry out the work activities described in the vacancy announcement. Selection criteria must be consistently applied for all applicants who apply for a particular position.

7. **Interviews**
   The screening committee should identify at least three to five finalists using the above selection criteria, and schedule on-campus interviews. The screening committee may also wish to have a teleconference interview with the finalists before bringing them to campus. The purpose of this teleconference is to allow the whole search committee to secure a preliminary assessment of the candidate and ascertain the candidate's continuing interest in the position. The screening committee and Department Head should formulate a list of questions to be asked of each candidate so that each finalist is treated equally during the interview process. The screening committee and Department Head should carefully review the interview guidelines.

8. **Final Selection**
   The screening committee should deliberate after the on-campus interviews and recommend orally to the Department Head the top three candidates, unranked. The Department Head will make the final selection, after checking with at least three professional references provided by the finalist, and possibly bring the finalist back to campus for a final round of interviews. The salary rate must be within the hiring range stated on the approved Request to Fill Position Vacancy form.

   If it is a support staff position, the pay plan guidelines will dictate the starting pay. For information regarding the GSW Support Staff Pay Plan, please contact Human Resources. For certain classified support staff positions, i.e., Public Safety and Physical Plant employees, the Health Center, the Department Head will contact the Human Resources Office for appropriate testing and a post employment physical exam as appropriate for their positions. An offer will then be made to the final candidate by the Department Head.

   The Department Head will notify the Human Resources Office of the applicant selected for employment and complete and send the necessary forms related to the closed search to the Human Resources Office. These reports should reflect efforts to attract qualified women and minority applicants for the position. All applicants for a vacant position should be notified that a selection has been made. The Human Resource Manager will prepare an offer letter for the successful candidate and send a copy to the hiring manager. The Human Resources Office will complete necessary fringe benefit and payroll documents for the new employee on or before the effective date of employment.

9. **Reduction In Force Policy**
   Except in very unusual circumstances, the need to protect the employment of current employees takes precedence over the need to advertise a vacant position. Active employees who have been notified that they are being laid off may be placed directly into positions for which they are qualified and advertising requirements will be waived.