



# **2024 Fall Academic Institute**

*“Achieving Excellence Through Service”*

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**Dr. Martin Lemelle, Jr.**  
PRESIDENT

**Dr. Connie Walton**  
PROVOST & VP FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

T. H. Harris Auditorium  
Thursday, August 8  
8:30 a.m.



## Office of the President

August 8, 2024



Dear Esteemed Faculty,

As we stand on the threshold of a new academic semester, I am delighted to welcome you to our annual Fall Academic Institute. This year, our theme, “Achieving Excellence Through Service,” reflects the core values of our university and underscores the vital role that each of us plays in fulfilling our mission.

The start of a new semester always brings renewed energy and promise. It presents us with an opportunity to set new goals, embrace fresh challenges, and recommit ourselves to the pursuit of knowledge and the service of our community. The Academic Institute is designed to support this endeavor by providing a platform for professional development, collaboration, and inspiration.

Over the next few days, you will engage in sessions that not only aim to enhance your pedagogical skills but also deepen our understanding of how we can make a positive impact through service. I encourage you to actively participate, share your insights, and embrace new ideas. This is a time for professional growth and for strengthening the bonds that unite you as a faculty. Make the most of this opportunity to learn from one another and to inspire each other.

I want to express my gratitude for your dedication to our students and our university. Your commitment to academic excellence is what makes Grambling State University a distinguished institution. Moreover, your efforts in and out of the classroom create an environment where our students can thrive, and our community can prosper.

Thank you for your enthusiasm and passion. Together, let us strive to achieve excellence through service.

With Tiger Pride,

Martin Lemelle, Jr., D.B.A.  
President

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## Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

August 8, 2024



Dear GSU Faculty,

Welcome back to Grambling State University! Today's Fall Academic Institute marks the beginning of a special time to be a part of the Tiger family. This academic year will provide us with opportunities to continue blazing a trail that fosters the academic success of students.

As we explore ways to maximize the use of technology and artificial intelligence in the classroom, let us remain focused on serving our students to foster environments, face-to-face and virtual, that support them in achieving their goals. This year's theme, "Achieving Excellence Through Service" reminds us of the importance of human connections and going beyond expectations to enrich and positively influence the lives of others.

It is my hope that you were able to carve out some time this summer to renew, refresh and reset as we prepare for the work ahead of us during the 2024-2025 academic year. At today's institute, you will hear a welcome from President Lemelle and a charge from the Faculty Senate President. I will speak to you about our SACSCOC 5th Year Review, which is slated for 2026. You will also learn about updates to the academic advising manual, effective uses of AI in the classroom, and more.

Please take advantage of the many resources available on campus to support you professionally, as well as personally. We are stronger together and can conquer that which may once have been thought of as impossible when we are physically and mentally grounded and empowered to accomplish the mission of our great institution.

I look forward to a productive semester and to seeing each of you thrive in your respective areas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Connie Walton". The ink is a light blue or grey color.

Connie Walton, Ph.D.  
Provost and Vice President



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**THEME:** “*Achieving Excellence Through Service*”

Dr. Connie Walton, Provost & VP for Academic Affairs, *Presiding*

### **MORNING SESSION**

8:30 am Opening Prayer ..... Dr. Shalena Johnson  
DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

8:35 am Welcome ..... Dr. Martin Lemelle, Jr.  
PRESIDENT

9:05 am Charge to the Faculty ..... Dr. Gary Poe  
FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT

9:15 am Introduction of New Faculty/Staff and Endowed Faculty

9:45 am Utilizing AI to Positively Impact Student Learning...Dr. Robbie K. Melton (virtual)  
INTERIM PROVOST/VP FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS &  
VP FOR TECHNOLOGY INNOVATIONS  
TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Denise Malloy  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
SMART GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION CENTER  
TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

10:15 am Updates on Academic Advising Manual ..... Mrs. Susan Wiley  
ACADEMIC ADVISING MANUAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

BREAK (10 minutes)



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10:25 am TigerPost ..... Mr. Dan Victory  
FIELD MANAGER

10:35 pm Barnes & Noble ..... Ms. Ulrica Edwards  
MANAGER

10:45 am New and Continuing Faculty Orientation ..... Dr. Walton

Mr. Wayne Bryant  
DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

11:15 am Recognition of Faculty Who Earned ACUE Certification.... Dr. Roshunda Cardoza  
ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

### **LUNCH**

11:30 am to 1:00 pm ..... McCall Dining Hall

### **AFTERNOON SESSION**

1:15 pm to 1:45 pm and 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm

#### **Academic Advising with DegreeWorks Workshop**

Carver Hall, Room 276

Facilitators: *Ms. Kecha Canty*, DEGREE AUDIT MANAGER  
*Mrs. Susan Wiley*, ACADEMIC ADVISING MANUAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

3:00 pm

#### **College Meetings**

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## **Academic Advising with DegreeWorks**

**Carver Hall  
Cybersecurity Lab  
Room 276**

**Thursday 8/8**

**1:15 pm – 1:45 pm  
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm**

**Friday 8/9**

**9:00 am – 10:00 am  
10:30 am – 11:30 am**

**No registration necessary**





## **ACUE COHORT A 2024**

### ***Creating an Inclusive & Supportive Online Learning Environment Course***

**Registration Deadline:** 2:00 pm, Tuesday, August 13

**Course Start Date:** Monday, August 26

**Course Description:** Learn how to ensure equitable access to learning, embrace diversity in your classroom, provide useful feedback, and more--in the online learning environment.







## **2024 Fall Academic Institute**

**DR. ROBBIE K. MELTON**



Dr. Robbie K. Melton, selected as one of the 2024 Ten Women in Education-Technology and 2023 Top 50 Women Leaders in Education, serves as Interim Provost/Vice President for Tennessee State University Academic Affairs and Vice President of Technology Innovations for the SMART Global Technology Innovation Center, and tenured professor at Tennessee State University. She serves as a global researcher and international consultant for SMART Artificial Intelligence (AI) an Academic eSports for Education and Emerging IOE (“The Internet of Everything”) Smart Mobile Technology of mobile devices, smart phone-tablets, wearables, smart gadgets and tools, and mixed reality of VR and AR. She formerly served as the Associate Vice Chancellor for Emerging Technologies for the Tennessee Board of Regents and the primary developer and chief administrator for the system wide Regents Online Degree Programs. Her tributes include: The 2023 Top 50 Women Leaders in Education, 2019 USDLA Hall of Fame, 2018, Distinguished Women of Legend, 2017 OLC Leadership, 2016, WCET Life Time Achievement, 2014 Top 30 Technologists, 2013 Apple Distinguished Educator, 2012 Top Fifty Technology Innovator; and 2012 WOW EdTechnology Awards. She was a featured speaker at the International UNESCO Mobile Learning Symposium. She known as an ‘Appologist, for her extensive research of best practices with mobile devices (smart phone, tablets, wearable, and the creation of a Mobile App Resource Center. Currently advocating for Open Education Resources (OER) for global access to education content. Plus, serving as an Education Technology Trainers for Malawi and various countries in South Africa in promoting worldwide that “Everyone Can Code and Create” and “Academic eSports – Mixed Reality Gamification” for the new innovations of SMART Immersive Teaching and Learning and a passionate advocate for empowering underserved populations, especially Black females, in becoming innovators and entrepreneurs for the digital world.





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**DR. DENISE MALLOY**

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Dr. Denise Malloy, the Executive Director of Training for HBCU C2 at Tennessee State University since 2019, leads Apple, Inc.'s national code and create initiative and serves as an adjunct professor in the College of Education, Teaching and Learning. She was an Associate Professor of Sociology at Southwest Tennessee Community College and an adjunct professor at the University of Memphis, where she consistently integrated cutting-edge technologies into education (22 years before joining TSU). A member of Merlot.org since 2008 and a long-time user of OER, Dr. Malloy now focuses on leveraging generative AI to enhance teaching and learning, guiding TSU faculty and students to unlock AI's transformative potential and fostering innovative educational practices.



## 2024 Fall Academic Institute

### ENDOWED CHAIR, ENDOWED SUPER PROFESSORS AND ENDOWED PROFESSORS

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#### Academic Affairs

**Dr. Tazinski Lee**

*William McIntosh Endowed Professor in Liberal Arts*

#### Honors College

**Dr. Ellen Smiley**

*Earl Lester Cole Endowed Professor*

#### College of Arts and Sciences

**Dr. Anjun Biswas**

*Endowed Chair of Mathematics*

**Dr. Benedict Nwokolo**

*Contractor's Educational Trust Fund Endowed Super Professor in Construction*

**Dr. Edwin Thomas**

*Contractor's Education Trust Fund Endowed Super Professorship in Drafting and Design*

**Dr. Lemmy Akoma**

*Nila Willhoite Endowed Professor for Health Administration*

**Dr. Bassidy Dembele**

*Williams W. S. Claytor Endowed Professor in Mathematics*

**Michael Hendrix**

*Conrad Hutchinson Endowed Professor in Music*

**Dr. Edward Holt**

*Benjamin A. Quarles Endowed Professor in History*

**Dr. Danny Hubbard**

*Percy L. Julian Endowed Professor in Chemistry*

**Dr. Vasanth Iyer**

*Dr. Adrian and Mrs. Gilonda Butler Endowed Professor in Cybersecurity*

**Kimberly Jones**

*Ira Aldridge Endowed Professor in Theatre Arts*

**Dr. Paul Kim**

*Ernest E. Just Endowed Professor in Biology*

**Dr. Naidu Seetala**

*Edward Bouchet Endowed Professor in Physics*

**Dr. Haeyeon Yang**

*ULS Foundation and Diageo North America, Inc. Endowed Professor for Men in S.T.E.M.*

**Dr. Waneene Dorsey**

*ULS Foundation & Diageo North America, Inc. Endowed Professor for Women in STEM*



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#### College of Business

**Dr. Augustine Dzathor**

*Dallas Alumni Chapter Endowed Professor in Business*

**Dr. Semere Haile**

*Ben Johnson Endowed Professor in Business*

**Dr. Morsheda Hassan**

*Larry Lundy Endowed Professor in Business*

#### College of Education

**Dr. Rodney Blackman**

*Robert L. Piper Endowed Professor in Health and Physical Education*

**Dr. Mary Ghongkedze**

*Clyde O. Wilson and Emma C. Wilson Endowed Professorship in Education*

**Dr. Carolyn Jackson**

*Arlynne Lake Cheers Endowed Professor in Education*

**Dr. Aaron Livingston**

*Eddie G. Robinson, Sr. Endowed Professor in Sports Administration*

**Dr. Larry Proctor**

*Fredrick C. Hobdy Endowed Professor in Kinesiology*

**Dr. Obadiah Simmons, Jr.**

*Eddie G. Robinson, Sr. Endowed Professor in Health and Physical Education*

**Dr. Danielle Williams**

*Joseph B. Johnson-Kappa Alpha Psi/Gamma Psi Chapter Endowed Professor in Education*

#### College of Professional Studies

**Dr. Tammy Dixon**

*Mary Elizabeth Carnegie Endowed Professor in Nursing*

**Dr. Rikki Murff**

*Senator Gregory Tarver Endowed Professor in Nursing Education*

**Dr. Sharon Murff**

*Councilman Joe Shyne Endowed Professor in Nursing Practice*

**Dr. Junior Hopwood**

*E. Franklin Frazier Endowed Professor in Sociology*

**Dr. Lurie Thomason**

*Pinkie C. Wilkerson Endowed Professor in Criminal Justice*



## **2024 Fall Academic Institute**

### **FACULTY WHO EARNED AN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY EDUCATORS (ACUE) CREDENTIAL**

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#### **College of Arts and Sciences**

**Dr. Roshunda Belton-Cardoza**

*AVP for Academic Affairs/Professor of History*

**Dr. Cardara Harper**

*University Choir Director/Assistant Professor of Music Education*

**Dr. Milisha Hart-Simmons**

*Assistant Professor of Mathematics*

**Dr. Dagne Hill**

*Department Head/Associate Professor of Biological Sciences*

**Dr. Edward Holt**

*Interim Department Head/Assistant Professor of History*

**Dr. Zhiyong Jia**

*Instructor of Physics/Engineer*

#### **College of Business**

**Dr. Gary Poe**

*Professor of Computer Information Systems*

#### **College of Education**

**Dr. Catalina Palacios**

*Assistant Professor of Kinesiology*

#### **University College**

**Mrs. Courtney Owens**

*Interim Program Liaison and Academic Advisor/Instructor*