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GSFC Board Confirms New President

Atlanta, GA (October 18, 2016) – The Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) Board of Commissioners voted to confirm Shawn Ryan President, effective November 1, 2016. Mr. Ryan will also serve as President of the Georgia Student Finance Authority (GSFA) and the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation (GHEAC). Ryan was nominated by Governor Nathan Deal to replace Tricia Chastain, who was appointed Executive Vice Chancellor for Administration at the University System of Georgia.

Mr. Ryan is currently the director of Georgia's Integrated Eligibility System, the largest information technology project in state history. He was previously the director of communications for the Georgia Department of Public Health. Ryan has more than a decade of experience in Washington, D.C., as he worked in the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as for the Mortgage Bankers Association and the Heritage Foundation. He is a graduate of the University of Vermont and resides in Atlanta with his wife, Jennifer.

"We are very excited to welcome Shawn as the new President of GSFC. His experience in state and federal government and project management will greatly benefit this agency and the students of Georgia," said Don Howard, Chair of the Georgia Student Finance Commission Board of Commissioners.

About the Georgia Student Finance Commission

GSFC is the state agency that administers the HOPE Scholarship and Grant Program as well as other state- and lottery-funded financial aid programs. GSFC also manages the career and college preparation website, GAfutures.org and provides educational services such as free financial aid consultation, and financial literacy to elementary, middle and high schools, and postsecondary institutions across the state. Additional information about GSFC programs and services is available at gsfc.georgia.gov, www.GAfutures.org or 1.800.505.GSFC (4732).