

FITC Minutes November 5th, 2021
Zoom meeting from 11:30 – 12:35

In Attendance: Sungwoong Lee, Brandy Chambless, Perry Kirk, Liz Pope for Phillip Grant, Philip Reaves, Miriam Nauenburg, Whitney Brand, Brian Henderson, Yvonne Fuentes. Elizabeth Smith (guest)

The committee approved the minutes of October 1, 2021

1. **An all-faculty listserv or similar:** Philip Reaves said the committee had worked on a survey to send out to different institutions to ask 1) whether they had an all fac email or a method to communicate among/with the faculty; 2) were they pleased?; any suggestions? Phillip Grant is in the process of sending out the surveys and will keep us informed.

2. **Bookstore presentation by Elizabeth Smith:** Elizabeth Smith did a presentation on the bookstore and what it is doing to find new ways to improve accessibility and affordability, while protecting students' privacy. She presented a ppt that included three programs aimed at reducing costs for students. There were many questions and much discussion about D1A (Day One Accessibility) and its advantages. The FITC voted unanimously to include her presentation as an information item in the Faculty Senate meeting December 3rd. Some key aspects are that:
 - the bookstore works with the publishers that have digitally compatible books;
 - a condition is that the cost of the materials must be the lowest in the market (if someone finds the same product for a lower price, the publisher will match it);
 - students have access to the material on day one (oftentimes our most disadvantaged students pay the highest cost because they cannot shop around);
 - students do not need to have the funds on day one (this is another impediment for students who rely on tuition refund to purchase materials on day one);
 - the bookstore bills students' banner account;
 - the publisher sends one invoice to the bookstore for x number of students enrolled in that course;
 - if a student drops a class, there is no physical book to return, and no extra cost to the bookstore; the cost is easily removed from the student's bill. **[See Addendum 1]**

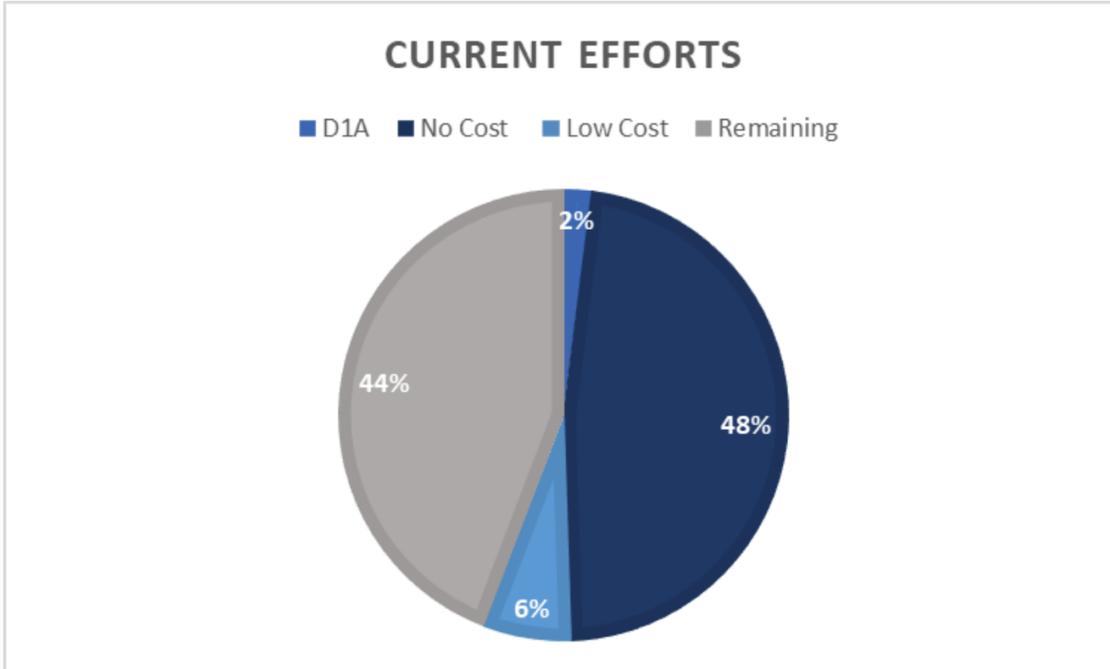
3. **Parking fees:** Philip Grant reported via email that the subcommittee met, and agreed with the evidence that shows a need for additional funding and therefore a need to increase the parking fee. They are working on models for how to structure fee increases over time, and are still in the process of collecting data from other institutions.

4. **Graduation safety protocol.** Elizabeth Smith also spoke about the graduation safety protocol concerns that were shared by Tami Ogletree on behalf of the FITC. Options for faculty include: 1) Faculty will not have to line up inside before the ceremony; 2) The faculty seating area allows for more spacing since there will be approximately 150 seats, although between 50-80 faculty participate; 3) masks are encouraged. **[See Addendum 2]**

Course Material Collaboration

In national student survey data of 11,800+ students

- **21%** Reported not obtaining some of their course materials for class
- **59%** Of those reported that skipping the materials impacted their class performance
- **41%** Of those who skipped materials considered dropping out of school this year



Currently **56%** of courses participate in an affordability initiative. **44%** of our courses are an open opportunity to increase savings and access to course content!

Every course is different and there is no single solution that will address course material equity for all students.

By leveraging **all** options we can significantly impact student access to the material they need to succeed!

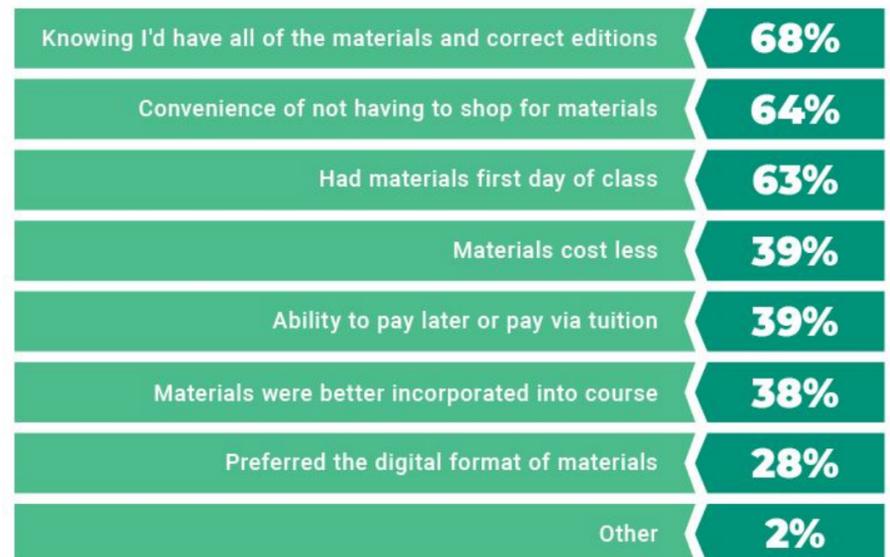
*** These numbers exclude UWG eCore sections. UWG eCore is 100% OER*

No Cost - Open Educational Resources (OER) – FREE

- Current grant funded OER usage at UWG saves students **\$755,463** annually
- Faculty can receive up to \$30,000 in grant funding to convert to Low Cost or No Cost materials
- Your subject Librarian can help you! Contact civory@westga.edu to get started

Day One Access (D1A)

- Saved students **\$482,076** in the first year
- Lowest cost guaranteed
- Materials in CourseDen on the first day of class
- Direct billing to BanWeb account
- Most materials have a low cost **print** upgrade available
- **Access** is actually the top three reasons students like it!
 - Lower cost ranks 4th!
 - DayOne@westga.edu
 - <https://bookstore.westga.edu/d1a.asp>



Low Cost

- Total cost of **all** materials for a class under \$40
- Sent to Registrar from Bookstore adoption information each month
- Listed under “Attributes” in BanWeb

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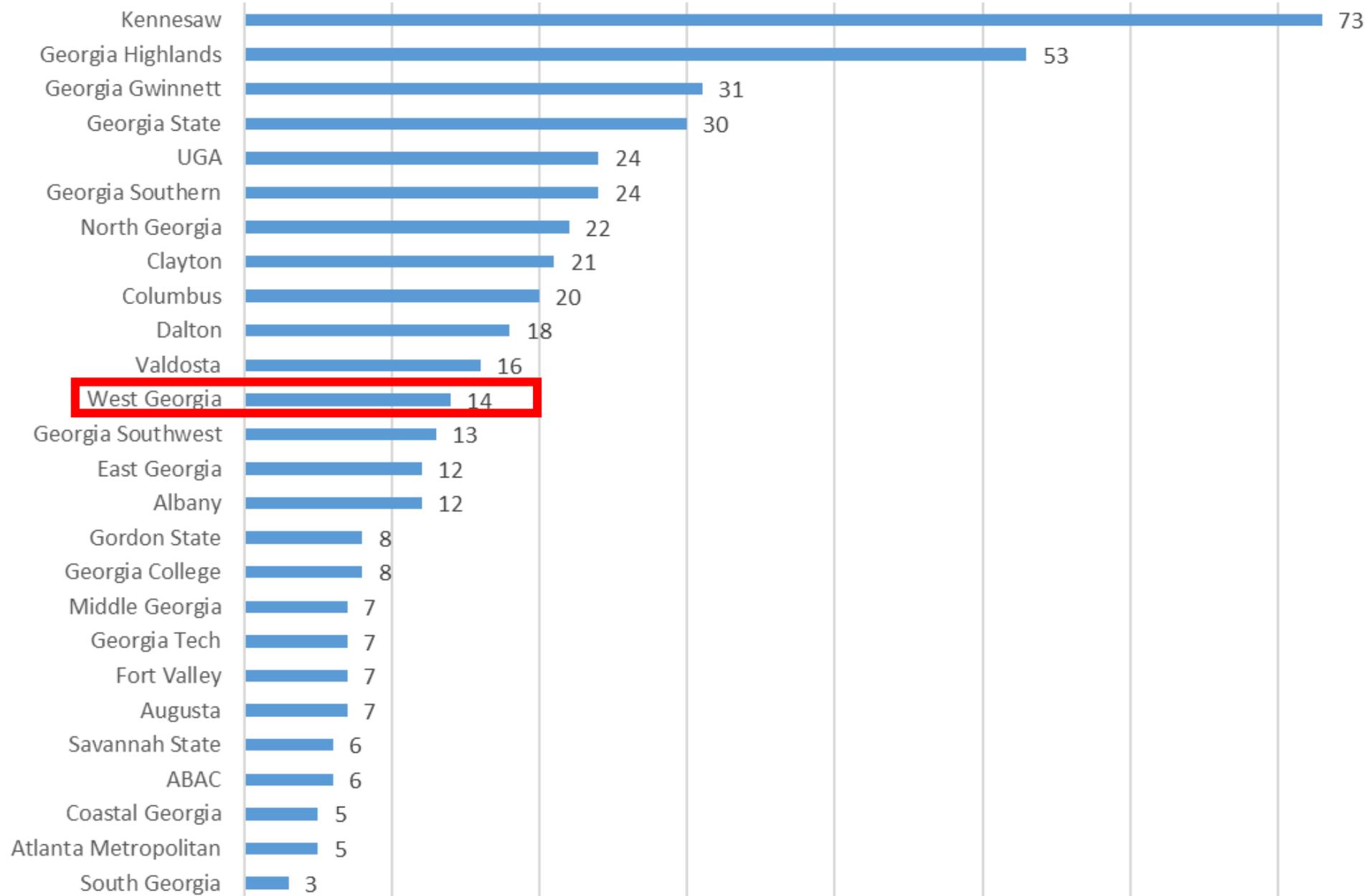
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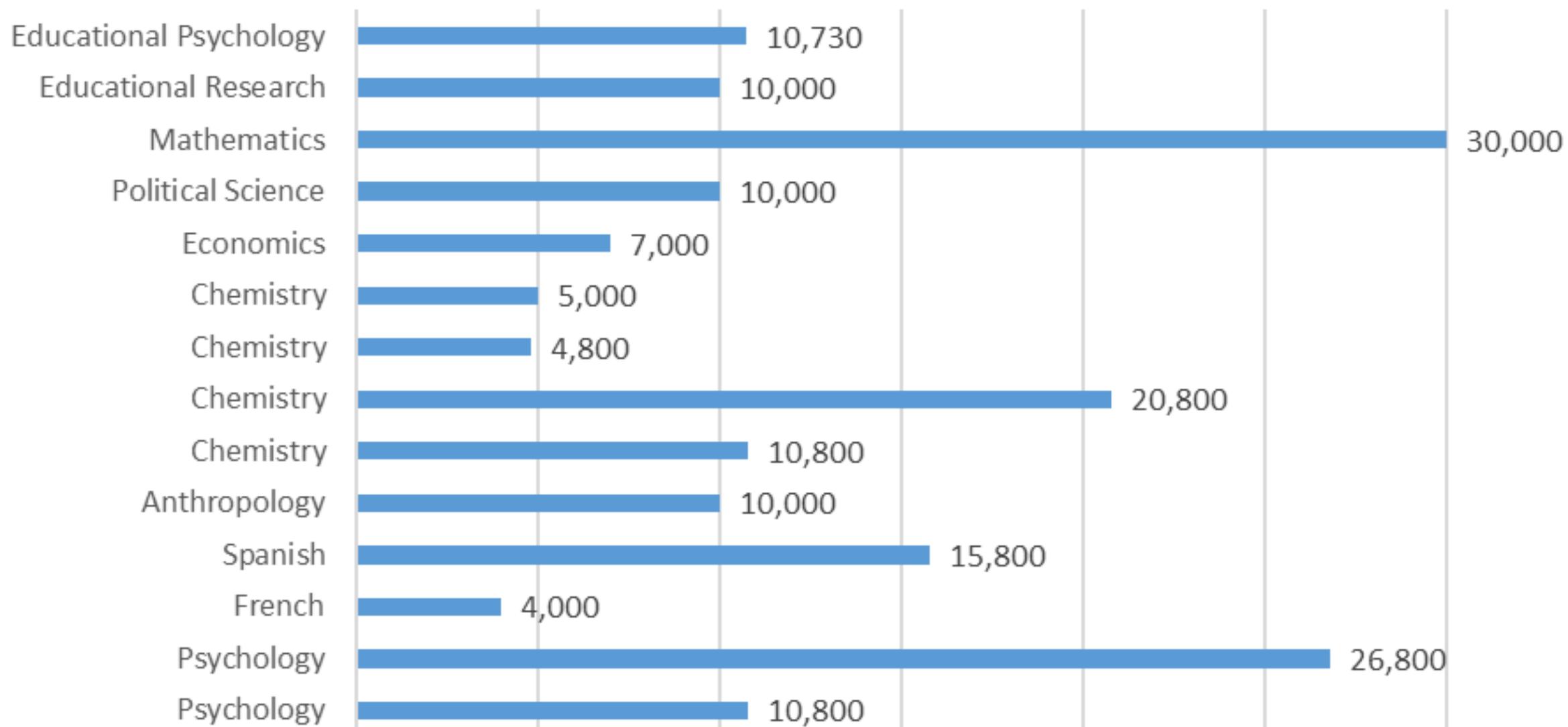
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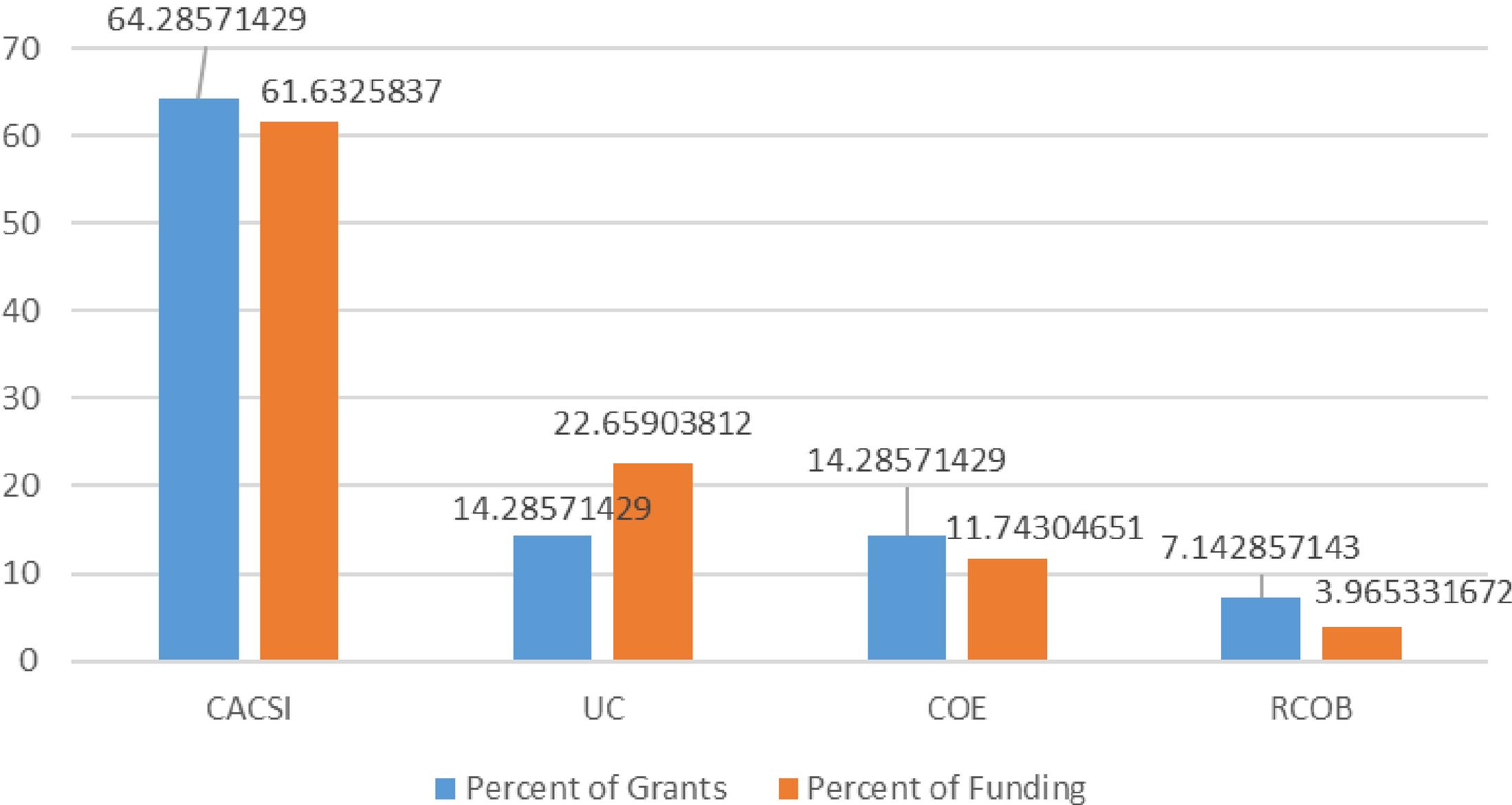
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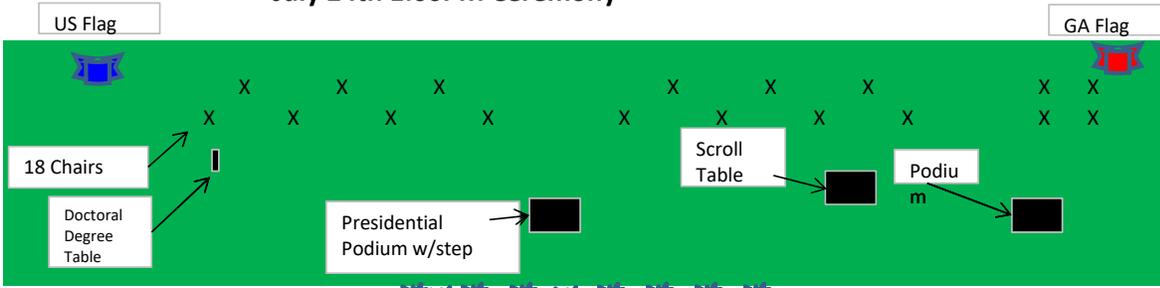
UWG Grant Recipient Programs and Funding Amounts



Percent Grants and Funding by College

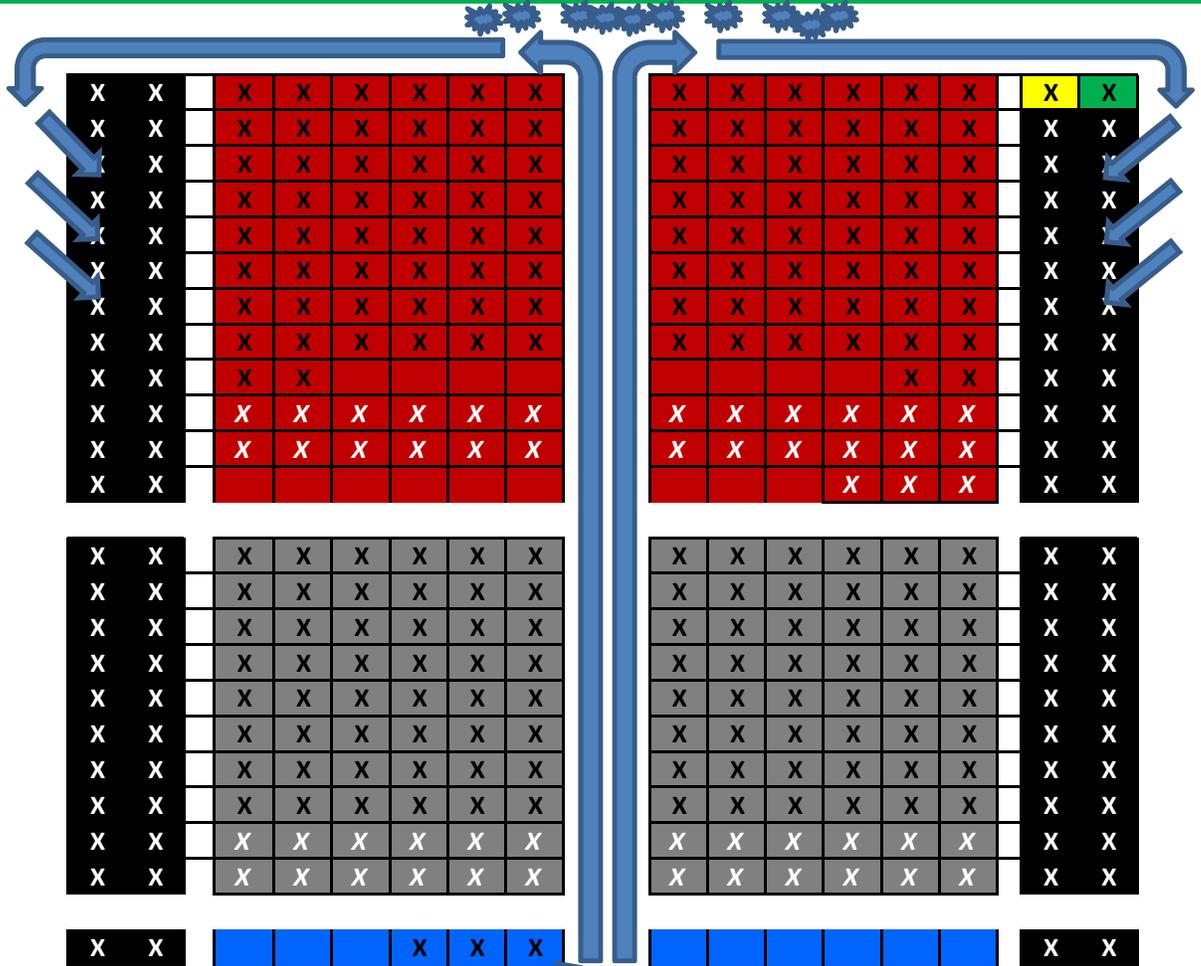
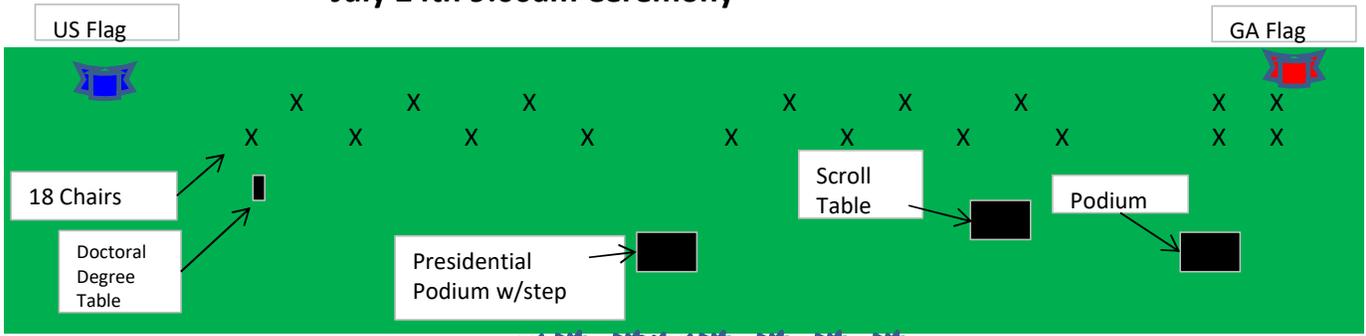


July 24th 1:00PM Ceremony -



- DA Doctoral Advisors
- DS Doctoral Students
- UC
- SOCFM
- COE
- Faculty

July 24th 9:00am Ceremony



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- CACSI
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