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Dr. Charles Patterson is currently serving as the Interim President of Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus, Georgia, leading the Institution through assessment and strategic alignment with USG priorities to support the region and State in the areas of undergraduate and graduate programs, student engagement and professional development, and economic development. Dr. Charles Patterson assumed the role of Interim President at Georgia Southwestern State University January of 2015. During his tenure at Georgia Southwestern, the University has increased enrollment by approximately 10 percent and is continuing efforts to enhance Georgia Southwestern's role as a strong community asset for Americus, Sumter County and Southwest Georgia.

Dr. Patterson also serves as the Vice President for Research & Economic Development and Dean of the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies. At Georgia Southern, Dr. Patterson serves as a member of the University's senior leadership team and a member of the President's Cabinet, reporting directly to the President. As the Chief Research Officer of the University, the Vice President for Research & Economic Development is responsible for strategically growing Georgia Southern's research and scholarly enterprise, identifying and forming partnerships with federal, state and regional entities, and leading the development of institutional infrastructures and operations that advance the University's and the faculty members' scholarly agendas. The Vice President for Research & Economic Development develops and promotes opportunities for integration between the scholarly and instructional elements of the University's mission in support of undergraduate and graduate student engagement and degree completion, and the University's role as an economic driver in the community and state.

Dr. Patterson also serves as the Chairman of the Georgia Southern University Research and Service Foundation, Inc., a non-profit research foundation that supports the University's research, innovation, intellectual property protection and technology transfer functions. The Research and Service Foundation also serves as an umbrella organization to select applied research and development centers and institutes, including the Herty Advanced Materials Development Center in Savannah, Georgia.

Dr. Patterson graduated magna cum laude from Mississippi State University with a B.S. degree in biochemistry and earned his Ph.D. in biomedical sciences from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. He also conducted postdoctoral research at UT Southwestern Medical Center. Dr. Patterson came to Georgia Southern University in 2008 from Baylor University, where he served as an instructor in the Honor's College, as well as roles in establishing critical infrastructures to support research and scholarly pursuits within the Office of the Vice Provost for Research.