

The University of Georgia
 2017 Academic Affairs Faculty Symposium
Solving the Grand Challenges of Our Time: Empowering Faculty and Preparing Students
March 31 - April 1, 2017

Charge to Break-out Groups

The 2017 Symposium will focus on the University's role in addressing the grand challenges facing the state and world. Central to this theme are efforts to empower faculty, prepare students and position the University to meet the grand challenges of global health, safe food and water, domestic and global security, sustainable environments and building vital communities. The annual faculty symposium is an established “think tank” for change and innovation. Participants will focus on solving the grand challenges in their break-out groups areas in light of cross-cutting themes.

Break-out Groups:

- Global health
- Safe food and water
- Domestic and global security
- Sustainable environments
- Building vital communities

Facilitator:

- Mark Huber
- Peggy Brickman
- Loch Johnson
- Maria Navarro
- William Finlay

Recorder:

Reporter:

Cross-cutting Themes:

- UGA’s reputation and potential
- Critical internal and external partnerships
- Student engagement and outcomes
- Faculty engagement and outcomes

Instructions for Break-Out Sessions

Session One (11:00 a.m., Friday)

- Introduce yourselves and select a recorder and/or reporter.
- Articulate and explore the grand challenge

Session Two (4:00 p.m., Friday)

- Identifying UGA expertise and potential

Session Three (10:00 a.m., Saturday)

- Finalize recommendations and 2 deliverables.

Group Product (“Deliverables”).

Each group is responsible for providing two “deliverables”:

1. Draft a 1-2 page letter to the Provost summarizing your recommendations. For each item, describe the need or problem being addressed, the programs or activities being recommended, the expected outcomes and assessment methods and the estimated costs (one time or annual) and sources of funding.
2. Present your recommendations at the 11:00 a.m. session (5 minutes per group).