

RACHEALTH Meeting May 10, 2007

Attendees:

Troy Spicer, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Susan Thompson, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Vickie Phillips, Albany State University
Tonya Lam, Board of Regents
Cori Loftis, Board of Regents
Teri Lemons, Clayton State
Alice Loper, Georgia College & State Univ.
Cindy Smith, Georgia Institute of Technology
Paul Ferguson, Georgia Southern Univ.
Tammy Howard, Georgia Southern University
Karen Blackburn, Georgia State University
Tracey Baker, Gordon College
Anne Nichols, Kennesaw State Univ.
Kathryn Siggelko, Kennesaw State Univ.
Allison Kerr, Macon State College
Sonja Chafin, North Georgia College and State University
Leslie Cottrell, University of West Georgia

Meeting was called to order.

Tonya Lam started the meeting off with some information from the BOR. She explained the new tuition freeze that went into effect for the Fall '06 school entrants. They will have the same tuition amount for 12 semesters. This does not affect fees.

It was also conveyed that student fees are a percentage of the tuition, usually between 7-9%. The Student Budget committee and the president's cabinet are aware of the percentage for each year. Some college directors were not aware of the formula and next year will be able to prepare for a fee increase if one is needed.

Paul Ferguson shared that PSS and Caligor are on state contract. Paul will provide the list serve with the numbers off of the state website so that all colleges can take advantage of the pricing offered by these two companies.

The first topic of discussion was the pharmacy law. A long discussion occurred and the consensus was that all schools are interpreting the law correctly and practicing within the law.

The second topic of discussion was protocol agreements. A long discussion ensued. Troy from ABAC asked if most institutions were going to protocol agreements with the board of medicine and the consensus was yes. The following information was given regarding protocol agreements:

- All providers need to do a protocol agreement with the Board of Medicine
- Tracey from Gordon has a template – www.nonpf.com/fpcollabagreesample.htm
- All providers need to get an NPI
- If billing for Medicare/Medicaid – all providers need a UPIN
- Paul from Ga. Southern and Leslie from W. Ga have gone through the process email them with questions. Tracey has also gone through the process.
- You can still practice the same and opt out and call in scripts.

The third topic of discussion was the 2008 Southern College Health Assoc. Annual Meeting. Paul Ferguson and Tammy Howard from Ga. Southern brought some handouts regarding the conference. The conference is being held in Savannah Ga., March 26-28, 2008. It was discussed to hold a RACHEALTH meeting at the same time since most people would be attending the conference.

The Sunbelt Directors meeting will be held this year in late July in Charleston.

The fourth topic of discussion was Patient Self Care Stations. A long discussion occurred where each school shared their particular type of self care station. It was agreed that Kathryn from KSU would send to the list serve a copy of the self care signage they use at KSU. From this topic, the following discussions were started:

- Most institutions have a “crisis committee” that meets regarding students exhibiting “strange behavior”. Most schools also have Public Safety give them a report about students exhibiting inappropriate behavior.
- Also discussed were notes given to students. Most institutions either have a “no note” policy or keep the note to date of service. All agreed that information regarding student’s care at health services can only be released with student’s written consent (law FURPA) and that professors are not given that information. All students are encouraged to work out any missed classes/tests with their professors.
- Health Insurance was discussed. Tonya Lam was asked if the USG system was moving toward mandatory insurance for all students. She said we are moving toward a “hard waiver” for all students. **Tonya asked the group if they were able to collect data of how many students are uninsured.** Paul from Ga. Southern may have that data for his school. All other schools would have to figure out a way to get that data.

The fifth topic of discussion was immunizations both school entrance and travel abroad. Anne from KSU asked if all institutions require study abroad students to receive all required and recommended immunizations from the CDC. All other institutions do not require the student to get the recommended immunizations. They do note the student’s record that the student was advised what was recommended and declined. Tonya from the BOR advised Anne to do the same and note the student’s record that they declined.

For school entrance immunizations, the following discussion ensued:

- The use of GRITS, Ga. State has an interface that goes from GRITS/Banner both ways. All schools expressed an interest in getting that technology.
- In using GRITS you are only required to put in what you gave, but it's nice to put it all in if you have the student's record.
- W. Ga. H-as a swipe system so students can check their documentation and print a copy if needed.
- Distance Learning students are not required to supply proof of immunization.

Troy from ABAC re-established the immunization committee. The committee exists of the following people (Troy let me know if this is correct).

Troy Spicer
Jean Chin
Rebecca Tew
Paul Ferguson
Jill Miller
Cindy Smith

They have been charged with writing a "Best Practice" for all institutions to follow.

The final discussion topic was Electronic Medical Records Systems. There was a presentation from Medicat which is in use in several USG schools. **Tonya from the BOR asked if any schools were interested in the BOR going out as a large entity to write an RFP for a system to get a discount for multiple schools. Please email Cori Loftis from the BOR if you are interested.**

Possible next meeting date is the last week of July possibly at Clayton State, or if a vendor can be found to sponsor, possibly in downtown Atlanta.