

RACSA Minutes 7/19/2006 Brasstown

Wednesday, July 19, 2006 - 9:15am – 11:00am

Present:

Tonya Lam (University System Office), Kris Binsinger (University System Office), John Graham (University System Office), Bill Schafer (Georgia Institute of Technology), Nancy King (Kennesaw State University), Gail Dillard, (Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College), Kurt Keppler (Valdosta State University), Melanie McClellan (University West Georgia), Charley Bowen (Kennesaw State University), Lynn McCraney (Macon State College), Timothy Knowles (Albany State University), Donald D. Avery (East Georgia College), Kenneth Chatman (Ft. Valley State University), Bruce Harshbarger (Georgia College and State University), Barry Birckhead (Southern Polytechnic State University), Mike Miller (Medical College of Georgia), Teresa Thompson (Georgia Southern University), Gina Sheets (Columbus State University), Jodi Johnson (Dalton State), Ron Shade (Georgia Highlands), Joyce Jones (Augusta State University), Brian L. Haynes (Clayton State), Walter Bowers (Bainbridge College), Bobby L. Olive, Sr. (Atlanta Metro College), Coretta Hassell (Georgia Perimeter College), Rebecca Stout (Georgia State), J. Larry Kees (Columbus State University), , Dennis Chamberlain (Gordon College), John McElveen (Middle Georgia College), , Tom Walter (Gainesville State College), Jim Cottingham (South Georgia College)

Jim Cottingham called the meeting to order. Jim volunteered to chair this RACSA meeting, since both Judy Bryant and John Colson are no longer in the University System of Georgia. New members were welcomed by Jim. Jim called for approval of the minutes from the March 23, 2006 meeting and they were approved as sent.

The nominations committee, through Jim, put Bill Schafer's name (V.P. Student Affairs, Georgia Tech) forward as the new chair. Barry Birckhead seconded, vote was unanimous approval of Bill's election. Jim then called for nominations for chair elect and Barry Birckhead (Dean of Students at Southern Polytechnic State University) was approved.

Sector representatives were nominated and the following individuals were approved:

- 2 year Colleges & Universities – Ron Shade (V.P. Student Development, Georgia Highlands)
- 4 year Colleges & Universities – Bruce Harshbarger (VP & Dean of Students, Ga. College and State University)
- Research/Regional – Rodney Bennett (VP Student Services & Dean of Students, University of Georgia)

Nancy King brought up the student health insurance plan and requests she has had regarding appeals. Kurt Keppler suggested we need to consider a standard appeals process. It was concluded we need to obtain more information on the appeals process.

Tonya Lam asked for feedback on the current health insurance contract the System issued for students enrolled in study abroad programs and if we would support the idea that it should be a mandatory requirement for all USG sponsored programs. Tonya read a proposed motion for our endorsement on study abroad programs. The motion was discussed and withdrawn.

Burns Newsome prepared a handout on legal information websites.

Guaranteed Tuition Rates - there was no further discussion.

Follow-up discussion related to reorganization there was no further discussion.

DFSCA Biennial Update – Tom Walter provided a handout (<http://www.uga.edu/ganetwork/ganetwork.html>). The Georgia Network for Substance Abuse Prevention in Higher Education is a state office which offers resources related to alcohol and other drug prevention. The Biennial Review is due by 12/31/06 (it is due in even numbered years).

Kurt Keppler raised a question on fee increases. There is an interest in seeing more flexibility in fee increases for our campuses. If a campus and students want the increase, after thoughtful dialog, it should not be turned down.

Evaluating an applicant with a criminal record – there was a handout and our input on the draft was requested.

Meeting was adjourned at 11am.