Regents Advisory Committee on Effectiveness and Accreditation
Executive Committee
3/2/2023
Location: Virtual / Teams
Attending: Tim Howard, Tom Lilly, Michael Black, Bryan Davis, Allan Aycock, Jim Lynch, Delena Gatch, Mary McLaughlin, Barbara Brown

Agenda

1. Approval of minutes from 11/3/22 and 2/2/23
2. Planning for the Spring 2023 meeting - Mickey
3. Storing committee documents
4. Updates

Motions

Motion to approve minutes of the February 2, 2023 meeting, and the November 3, 2022 meeting minutes as presented (Lilly). Second (Williford). Motion passes unanimously.

Notes

Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Tom Lilly summarized minutes corrections and motioned to approved minutes as presented.

Planning for Spring 2023 meeting

Mickey Willford summarized the planning of the spring business meeting 4/12-13, with all day on the 12th and half a day on Thursday 4/13. She further described the agenda of collaborating/co-programming with the Institutional research and planning regents advisory committee (RACIRP). The committee considered the questions of generally announcing a save the date to send out to all RACEA members and of drafting an agenda. Mickey recommended an additional interim executive committee meeting to finalize the agenda, pending availability of BOR speakers and other guests. The committee considered components for the agenda: officer elections, a policy administration panel, faculty credentials for consortia agreements; and updating of any bylaws. Tom Lilly was assigned to review minutes and bylaws pertaining to actions necessary to disband a standing committee.

Storing committee documents

Tim summarized the recent discussion between himself, Tom Lilly, and Mickey Williford, noting that the intent would be to have a Team house/support all of RACEA, much like what currently supports the Executive Committee. Mickey further explained her and Tom's general belief that the executive committee needs to ask about the feasibility and availability of solutions for appropriate sharing and access of all of RACEA. Tim summarized his discussion with Sabrina

Thompson and Barbara Brown, where they recalled the difficulties and barriers to having Tim added to the executive committee Teams meeting. Tim explained that system IT does not perceive supporting RACs is part of their mandate and charge and that it is unlikely that system IT does not see this as a priority to solve this problem. Barbara provided some additional context pertaining to support and capability; her recommendation was putting in a preliminary USG IT helpdesk ticket. She further noted that no one outside of the system office could own a system Team and therefore could not add members. Sabrina further described her challenges creating a system IT Team for athletics.

Sabrina recommended that RACEA consider the use of current resources, noting that most of the web resources she oversees are only used by the Executive Committee already. Allan Aycock provided his experience on the Stepping Blocks initiative and noted that the system maintained a multi-institution Teams site for that project. The committee then discussed different solutions: Sabrina offered to work with IT to credit a request tab on the current website; Michael Black asked if there can be a D2L course assigned to this. Sabrina further indicated she could develop the suggested website-based solution specifically to request distribution of accreditation narratives curated by the Accreditation Intelligence committee. Sabrina and Barbara agreed to arrange a meeting with the system IT office if the executive committee wished to proceed.

Treasurer's Report
Michael Black asked about costs for the spring meeting and noted that the current budget may be able to defray registration costs. He offered to set up the registration site. Mickey Williford indicated the space reservation estimate is $1950 considering 39 attendees. Mickey and Michael will put together a save the date announcement with a free registration solicitation. The committee reminded everyone to consider state rate accommodations.

Updates
Tim Howard asked the committees to identify any topics or needs that haven't been addressed already.

Accreditation Intelligence
No updates were provided.

Board Initiatives
No updates were provided.
eCore
Bryan Davis indicated the eCore RAC is proceeding on putting together the exposition for inclusion in 8.2b, noting this may be part of the presentation at RACEA's spring meeting. Also, Bryan indicated that 15 of 20 institutions have responded to the survey they have distributed regarding eCore usage.

Gen Ed Council
No updates were provided.

Program Review
No updates were provided.

Spring Meeting Planning
No updates were provided.

SACSCOC Policy for Institutional Obligations for Public Disclosure
No updates were provided.

Updates from the USG Office
Barbara Brown summarized the recent USG presentation at the academic affairs office, noting one innovation is that institutions may move to an across-the-system/universal student ID. Barbara mentioned this could be something Angie Belle discusses at the spring meeting and will forward her presentation notes.

Other Items for the Committee
No other items were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58am.