

MINUTES OF MEETING

AACON

Date : Thursday, October 18, 2012

Venue : Georgia International Convention Center

Attendees: see attachment

Minutes Taken By : Anita Hufft

Issues	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Review of presentation to BOR meeting of Academic Advisory Committee Chairs Topic: AACON	25 USG Nursing Programs represented; purpose and functions of AACON reviewed. The structure was presented with discussion of issues related to the consistency of organizational organization and function (i.e., committees under the committee...) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance – Executive Committee and other working groups. • Executive Committee meets monthly • Strategic planning for USG Nursing 	Informational	Lucy Marion
Bylaws	An overview of the changes to the bylaws was presented. Bylaws were distributed earlier to membership; Feedback from membership included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of duties for member-at-large officers for Executive Committee • Rename committees subcommittees since AACON is a committee of the BOR 	The current discussion will be incorporated into recommendations that will be considered by Bylaws Committee and submitted to Executive Committee by December 15, 2012 A link to a poll will be sent to membership for vote.	Sherri Noviello
Curriculum Committee	Area D core curriculum requirements were discussed. An online poll on the number of schools that required a science sequence in Area D was conducted. There have been requests to explore option of not requiring a science sequence in area D. Another poll was	Vote on University of West Georgia proposal: 15 approved 1 abstained	Sherri Noviello

	administered to query whether the membership wanted the curriculum committee. A proposal from the University of West Georgia to change area F requirements from Applied Pharmacology and Social Science elective with two sequenced courses in a combined pathophysiology/pharmacology course was voted on by membership of AACON.		
Minutes of Previous AACON Minutes taken at summer 2012 retreat		The minutes will be voted on by mail.	Sandra Daniel to send minutes to L Marion who will mail with vote By November 15
BOR updates by Ben Robinson	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Data collection following up on outcomes of 2012 funding initiatives being set up now; structured reports will be sent to programs receiving funds. As much as possible existing data will be pulled from system office. 2. CIP codes will be required for funded programs. 3. There is not sufficient staff to review data accuracy multiple times so we need to assure accuracy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deans will scrutinize to assure that graduate level enrollment data and faculty data are accurate • Manager of Faculty Events (MFE) should be contacted by us to verify all faculty data are loaded accurately 	All Deans and Directors
Committees	<p>[Chairs of committees must be deans; up to three members from each program may be an AACON member and serve on committees.]</p> <p>Nominations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nominating Committee- Need one member 2. Program Committee 3. Curriculum Committee- Need four members 4. Note: Executive Committee meets monthly and these teleconferences are open 5. New Program Committee – there are more members than called for in bylaws (need 7) 	<p>Jean Pawl, Augusta State University was elected to the Nominations Committee</p> <p>Cindy Epps, University of West Georgia and Teresa Teasley, Georgia Southwestern University were elected to Curriculum Committee</p> <p>The bylaws will be reviewed for required membership on the New Program Proposal Committee and</p>	<p>Lucy Marion to resolve Program Committee membership issues November 15</p> <p>All Committee Chairs to be determined by COB November 14</p>

	<p>6. Bylaws Committee – no changes needed</p> <p>7. Student Committee – needs to be populated if retained. Group discussed whether to retain the committees transitioned over from the Nursing Task Force. Discussion included Faculty Committee, Clinical Practice Collaborations Committee.</p> <p>8. Faculty Development Committee: The issue of collaboration across programs to provide faculty development. It was proposed that we need to have a platform for updating and revising the mentor</p> <p>A motion to reinstate the faculty subcommittee was proposed.</p>	<p>members will be identified that may be eligible for retirement from committee.</p> <p>Joan Cranford, Diane White, and April Reese were selected to serve on the Faculty Subcommittee</p> <p>Goals of Clinical Practice Committee will be subsumed under the Student Committee.</p> <p>Committee chairs will be determined by members of each committee. Selection of chairs is to be communicated to Lucy Marion by November 15, 2012.</p>	
Educating the nursing workforce for the future	<p>The need for teamwork and collaboration skills in nursing education was discussed. Interprofessional education needs to be early in their education prior to disciplinary socialization. Article circulated by Dr. Wilmoth was presented as a source on issues related to educating nurses, focusing on system needs and competencies before the refinement of a curriculum. There is a “disconnect between health care industry and nursing education.” <u>We need to generate specific strategies for implementation of interprofessional education.</u></p>	<p>Issues related to competencies in teamwork and interprofessional education will be identified for programming for June Retreat. Also, one or two topics related to futuristic methods or trends in education should be considered.</p>	Program Committee
Standardized definitions	<p>The need to propose standard definitions for retention rates, graduation rates and attrition was discussed. A summary of the USG program formulas</p>	<p>A proposal for standard definitions/formulas will be completed by March 1, 2013.</p>	Peggy Wilmoth

	<p>for retention rates and other data was distributed. Nationally 6 year graduation rates are calculated, but at what point of enrollment do we start calculating for nursing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to determine point of admission to the nursing major • Need to clarify if different baseline data are considered for different program types (For instance, accelerated vs. basic) 		
Strategic Planning	<p>The need for direction for strategic planning was discussed. The need for teleconferences between major in-person meetings was explored.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should we consider the IOM Report to serve as an organizing framework to drive our priorities over next few years? • Should a matrix between Complete College Georgia and IOM goals be considered? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Better education ○ Cheaper education ○ “more bang for buck” • Several initiatives embedded in IOM were already being addressed in USG, including higher education for nursing, expansion of BSN programs and graduate programs. • How do we, as a group, feel about the 80/20 goal? How do we translate the needs of our clinical affiliates to hire BSN graduates into strategies for efficient progression from associate degree to baccalaureate degree? • Need to explore what is currently occurring across the state in terms of seamless academic progression. • We need to focus on future-oriented 	<p>Any task force or committee can call a teleconference as needed.</p> <p>A teleconference on strategic planning will be called; no time frame considered at this point.</p>	<p>Committee Chairs</p> <p>Lucy Marion</p>

	<p>curricula. How we will address the threat of burgeoning technology, for-profits. We need presentations by futurists.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of new academic products and services may be a collaborative goal. • Issues related to workload and incivility were proposed as topics for future meetings. 		
Program Committee: Summer Retreat	Typically held in June, this event is our largest program. The need to incorporate continuing collaborations with practice was discussed, including inviting members of GNLC, possibly engaging practice partners/leaders in a separate, “neutral” venue, or by other means.	The location for the summer 2013 retreat was selected to occur at a coastal site. <u>Tentatively set for June 3-4, 2013</u> as first choice. Will follow up with GANDD to coordinate.	Program Committee
Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM			