

Regents Academic Advisory Committee on Biological Sciences
Fall Meeting Minutes
19 October 2020

Present: Indiren Pillay (GCSU), Stephanie Harvey (GSWSU), Kristen Miller (UGA), Linda Hyde (Gordon State), Sharryse Henderson (GA Highlands), Kimberly Hunt (South GA State), Dawn Sherry (MGSU), Geert de Vries (GSU), Therese Poole (GSU-ATL), Candice Chatman (Atlanta Metropolitan), Susan Smith (KSU), Rich Griner (Augusta U), Traesha Robertson (Coastal Georgia), Steve Vives (GA Southern), Bill Ensign (KSU), Jeanelle Morgan (UNG), Julie Ballenger (CSU), John Cadle (East Georgia State), Paul Melvin (KSU), Scott Mateer (GA Southern), Richard Foreman (Albany State), Sheryl Shanholtzer (GSU-Perimeter)

- Ratification of By-Laws
 - The by-laws were discussed and amended (L. Hunt moved; K. Miller seconded; Unanimous)
 - **ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS**
 - **Section 1:** The Chair-Elect will be confirmed by a simple majority vote of Biology Academic Advisory Committee members present at the annual meeting. The Executive Committee will present one or more candidates for consideration and additional nominations will be requested from the floor. The Chair will conduct the elections and announce the new Chair-Elect immediately following election by the membership. When possible, the Chair position will rotate among the three USG sectors (research universities, comprehensive universities and state universities, and state colleges).
 - *Was amended to:* When possible, the Chair position will rotate among the three USG sectors ([a] research and comprehensive universities, [b] state universities, and [c] state colleges).
 - The amended by-laws were ratified unanimously (S. Henderson moved; J. Morgan seconded)
- Election of Chair for 2021-2022
 - Candice Chatman (Atlanta Metropolitan), representing the State College Sector, volunteered to serve as chair elect. Confirmed by affirmation.

- Committee charges
 - Committee discussed the charge from the BOR to consider recommendations for minimum AP scores and CLEP scores, and to consider uniform course numbers for non-majors' biology, and for A&P and nursing microbiology. It was determined that the committee would collect the data of what each institution's practice is regarding the scores as well as the data on course numbers/names. I. Pillay will set up a SharePoint spreadsheet, wherein each representative can enter their information. The results will be discussed at the spring meeting.

Submitted by I. Pillay