

## USG EdRAC Meeting

Thursday, December 7, 2023

1:00PM – 2:00PM

Via Zoom:

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Agenda:

Update on Georgia Higher Education Science of Reading Consortium

- Next meeting on Consortium is January 12, 2024, from 11:00AM – 12:30PM (<https://zoom.us/j/91845415712>)
- PPT attached

Documenting the Science of Reading in PRS III

- Potential options for working with the GaPSC:
  - Consider documenting evidence for mentor teachers without adding burden. Can we upload a MOU or documentation of district expectations for the literacy training instead of requiring additional training?
  - EdRAC to propose a meeting with the PSC with a small group of individuals to work collaboratively on the process of submitting evidence and the team of literacy experts who will be reviewing EPP materials and conducting the site visit. Request more clarity on what will be provided Feb 1.
    - Fiscal impact note – what is the additional cost of this compliance requirement?
    - Request a meeting with Penney & PaQuita in early January at the latest – invite Dana, EdRAC, private institutions, and possibly RESA coordinators. First start with a smaller group, then expand the meeting.
    - Initiate a connection in December, aim for next week 12/11 or early January. Will collect questions from the larger group prior to the small group meeting.

Hot Topics for Legislative Session

- Science of Reading
- DEI
- Teacher Pipeline
- Recommendations:
  - Article: *If you aren't at the table you are on the menu*. Faculty discussions for long term goals and approaches.
  - Local district leaders speaking to faculty about how they are navigating tensions.

Update on Replacement for Cynthia Bolton

- No updates as of right now—Dr. Dana Nichols will attend the next scheduled EdRAC meeting in February, and she will provide an update on the process at that point in time.

Announcements: Upcoming Capitol Events

- GAE and PAGE Days at the Capitol (see below)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PAGE/GAEL/GACTE Day on Capitol Hill</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, February 20, 2024</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:30 breakfast</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GAE Day at the Capitol</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, February 22, 2024</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.</b></p>
<p><b>What to Expect:</b></p> <p>Morning activities will include information sessions and organized group visits to the Capitol guided by PAGE Representatives. Students attending will receive a medal and be recognized as Student Educator Ambassadors.</p> <p>Around noon, a luncheon will be held in the Empire Room, 20th Floor of the James H. “Sloppy” Floyd Building, West Tower. Legislators will be invited, and an announcement will be made about special guest speakers once confirmed.</p> <p>After lunch, Student Ambassadors and institutional representatives will adjourn to the front grounds of the Twin Towers to take photographs with the Capitol in the background. All may also return to the Capitol for further visits with legislators.</p> <p><b>Cost:</b></p> <p>There is no cost to institutions of higher education. Breakfast and lunch are provided. GACTE can cover the costs of approximately 50 faculty and student participants.</p> <p><b>Registration:</b></p>	<p><b>What to Expect:</b></p> <p>The day will begin with a planning session and speakers, including legislators.</p> <p>The opening session will be followed by opportunities to connect with educators from across the state. Participants will also meet with legislators and attend committee sessions.</p> <p>A mid-day lunch will include speakers addressing issues facing Georgia schools and matters impacting public education in Georgia.</p> <p><b>Cost:</b></p> <p>There is no cost for GAE members to participate. Faculty who are not GAE members will be asked to pay for their lunches.</p> <p>For anyone traveling over 2 hours to the capitol, GAE has some capacity to pay for the hotel rooms of GAE members to arrive the day before as a way to remove barriers to attendance.</p> <p>A GAE Day at the Capitol flyer is attached to this message.</p>

Each institute of higher education may bring two faculty members and two students to this year's event. The registration deadline is Monday, January 15, 2024.

Send names and email addresses of your four institutional representatives to Tom Koballa at [koballa\\_tr@mercer.edu](mailto:koballa_tr@mercer.edu).

If you have more than four individuals who wish to attend, include a 'waitlist' of individuals' names and emails with your submission. We'll accommodate as many as possible.

**Registration:**

Register online using the link below.

<https://www.mobilize.us/gae/event/588166/>

There is no limit to the number of GAE members who may attend.

**Other Items for the Good of the Order?**

**Next Meeting:**

- February 1, 2024: 1:00PM – 2:00PM:  
<https://ung.zoom.us/j/89305374260?pwd=OUJKbXVSOXNhQXBOaVZ3Y3hEMVc5Zz09>
- Feel free to send agenda items to [sheri.hardee@ung.edu](mailto:sheri.hardee@ung.edu) prior to February 1.