

FOREIGN LANGUAGE ACADEMIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 6, 2020

Eric Kartchner, Georgia Southern University, Chair

Trino Prados, Middle Georgia State University, Secretary

Due to the quarantine, the FLAAC meeting was held via video conferencing.

Present:

Joe Johnson, Clayton State University

Nancy Mason, Dalton State College

Christopher Botero, Augusta University

Olga Godoy, Georgia Southwestern State University

Brian Mann, University of North Georgia

Robert Kilpatrick, University of West Georgia

Barbara Brown, University System of Georgia

Joelle Bonamy, Columbus State University

Lisa Noetzel, College at Coastal Georgia

Leticia Alvira, Watson, Albany State University

Jeniba J. Dart, East Georgia State College

Myung Choi, Georgia Gwinnett College

Olaf Berwald, Kennesaw State University

Bill Nichols, Georgia State University

Darren Broome, Gordon College

David de Posada, Georgia College and State University

Ofelia Nikolova, Valdosta State University

Patrick Harris, University System of Georgia

Peggy Elliott, Georgia College and State University

Rick Robinson, Georgia State University

Patrick Wallace, Georgia Department of Education

Sabrina Wengier, Middle Georgia State University

Shuan Li, Georgia Tech

Tammy Rosner, University System of Georgia- International Education Office

Tristian Denley, University System of Georgia.

12:15pm: Quorum

1220pm: A moment of silence for Dr. Viki Soady,

12:25pm Review and approval of FLAAC 2019 minutes. Approval of minutes passes unanimously.

12:35pm: CORE Redesign (Tristan Denley [Angelia Thomas]), Dr. Denley gives a presentation of the redesign of core principles. https://www.usg.edu/redesigned_general_education FLAAC members express concern about the role of foreign language in the core, focusing on bringing accessibility to foreign languages. Other members express concern about how we're going to participate in the core. Do we have any ideas and is anything mandated? There is some concern that foreign languages will not be required. If so, what are other options? Committee members also ask if we can fit in institutional options. Would foreign language be accepted in Humanities as part of the core? Would SACS approve of that?

1:25pm: BOR Initiatives/updates/trends Dr. Barbara Brown.

Dr. Brown mentions that SACS does not count foreign languages in arts or humanities. Perhaps languages can be a part of the general institutional requirements for each institution. Eric Kartchner asks if languages could be included in the oral and written communications, like in Area B's for example.

Dr. Brown further mentions that SACS was not inclined to approve 2000 level classes for Humanities in area C. Institutions can still look at exploratory classes for higher-level foreign language courses. FL courses could serve as minors.

1:40pm: Discussion turns to Nexus degrees. Nexus degrees are college credentials that emphasize hands-on experiential learning, skilled knowledge and connections with industry in high-demand career fields. In terms of Area F, they could go away. Perhaps FL could fit in as a minor like marketing. Still no formal approvals have been made.

It is noted that unless the committee and other language faculty members push for these changes, they won't be mandated. It would most likely have to be reworked at the institutional level and then presented to the GenEd Council. Most importantly they would need to meet the learning outcomes.

It is asked if there were any other models to follow. Various models have been looked at but they present problems. Some transfer problems and others have too many complicated procedures to follow. Most importantly there must be a way to ensure transferability.

2:00pm: Break

2:10pm: USG Goes Global/International Education (Tammy Rosner/Margaret Mullins)

Tammy Rosner and Margaret Mullins from the Georgia Department of Education talk to us about global and International Education

<https://www.usg.edu/search#q=USG%20Goes%20Global%2FInternational%20Education%20&t=All&sort=relevancy>

It is asked if each institution's study abroad program can merge to the Global/International Education. It would actually be a supplement for the first experience then institutions would take it further.

2:30pm: GaDOE updates/initiatives/trends (Patrick Wallace)

Patrick Wallace gives us updates on webinar and professional development. It is asked what we could do for better connections. One suggestion, perhaps institutions could partner up for world language events.

3:00pm: Topic veers to AP credit for AAPPL and ACTFL proficiency tests. In respects to AP credit the FLAAC decided to come up with an agreement and work on a recommendation later. A recommendation will be formulated at a further date, debated via the LISTSERV.

3:10pm : Nomination of 2020-2021 Secretary

Robert Kilpatrick is nominated and Secretary.

The committee unanimously votes to hold the meeting next year April 12, 2021 at the Middle Georgia State University Macon campus

3:25:pm FLAAC meeting is adjourned