

Minutes

HPER RAC meeting

Sunday, October 25, 2015

Those in attendance: Walt Mason - East Georgia State College, Randy Yonz -South Georgia State college, Jackie Lund – Georgia State University, William Rogers – Georgia Gwinnett College, Jonathan Kowal – Atlanta Metro, Bonnie Young – Georgia Perimeter College, Cheryl Grayson – Dalton State College, Brian Moser – University of West Georgia, Lynn Roberts – Armstrong State University, Paula Edney – University of North Georgia

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Paula Edney. A welcome was extended and introductions were made.

Paula gave a quick summary of items that would be addressed today.

The first item was a review of the RAC chairs meeting that took place in Macon on September 18, 2015. Paula reported that this was a very informative and important meeting that addressed what the purpose of the RAC's are and how they are to function. Dr. Barbara Brown clarified how everyone is supposed to be advising for the lower level math courses. For those going into STEM or careers that would require calculus students should be advised to take the "pre-calculus" math courses. Those students who will not need calculus should be advised to take other math courses to complete general requirements. Paula also stated that a big push is being made to have no cost on low cost textbooks and that our RAC should take time to discuss and make recommendations for our area. E-CORE was mentioned and the question was asked..... and Paula replied she would need to check with Ginger Durham for the answer. Paula summarized what has been happening with academic program review. The BOR discovered that many programs "on the books" at USG institutions but were not "active". Because of this the BOR almost put a moratorium on new programs. They have asked institutions to look more closely at this and are now requiring more specific reporting on all programs. Many programs have been brought forward from institutions and recommended for deletion. The final point addressed from the RAC chairs meeting was a discussion of AREA F. We were told that each RAC is responsible for their AREA F and that we should review this to make certain there is continuity. We are also to come up with learning outcomes and course recommendations that should be on the BOR website. This is something that the HPER RAC needs to do.

The final item of discussion was the resolution that the HPER RAC has been working on for the past year. The goal of the resolution was to promote "requiring Physical Education to graduate" from all USG institutions for all students. Several ideas were discussed with regard to the resolution and whether we were ready to go forward with it. After much discussion and upon a recommendation by Jackie Lund, the body concluded that we should come up with a common instrument to collect data that would provide information on:

1. The “benefit” of these classes.
2. Whether or not taking a Physical Education class affects retention rates.
3. If there is a correlation between “Complete College Georgia” and taking a Physical Education class.

Then, that data should be used in a resolution that would go through the proper channels with an appropriate recommendation included. It was also suggested that those on the committee with experience in research be the ones to work on the data collection instrument.

In conclusion, Paula announced that it was time to elect a new Chair and that we would conduct the election through email. She also asked those who wanted to be on the ballot or who wanted to nominate someone, to get their permission and let her know asap. She then thanked the committed for allowing her to serve as chair and the meeting was adjourned.