

Minutes
Annual Meeting
Regents' Academic Advisory Committee on History
Friday Morning
February 8, 2013
St. Simons Island, Georgia

Present: Chair, Jonathan Bryant (Georgia Southern University), Bronson Long (Georgia Highlands College), Alice Pate (Kennesaw State University), Jeremy Richards (for Tom Aiello, Gordon State College), James Galt-Brown (Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College), Kevin Mason (South Georgia State College), Michael Gunther (Georgia Gwinnett College), Robert Burnham (Middle Georgia State College), Reid Derr (East Georgia State College), Patrizia Stahle (College of Coastal Georgia), Mark Vickrey (Southern Polytechnic State University).

Welcome and Introductions

Jonathan Bryant, Chair, opened the meeting and asked everyone around the table to introduce themselves. He also briefly discussed his decision to cancel the meeting scheduled for the previous evening (Thursday, February 7th). He noted that the severe weather created difficulties for those traveling from various parts of the state and that two meetings seemed unnecessary given that no work came before the committee over the past year.

Minutes

The committee took up the Minutes from the 2012 annual meeting. Following a brief discussion, the Minutes were approved.

Committees and Committee Memberships

Jonathan Bryant proposed that, with the exception of a few positions that needed to be filled, we retain the same committee assignments as last year.

Alice Pate volunteered to chair the Major Program Sub-Committee. Michael Gunther agreed to serve on the committee as well.

Reid Derr volunteered to chair the U. S. History in the CORE Sub-Committee.

Motion to accept the three committee assignments. Motion passed.

The committee assignments are as follows:

Major Program Sub-Committee – Alice Pate, Chair, and Michael Gunther

Graduate Program Sub-Committee – Craig Pascoe, Chair, and Jonathan Bryant

U. S. History in the CORE Sub-Committee – Reid Derr, Chair, and Jim Carter

World History in the CORE Sub-Committee – Tom Aiello, Chair, and Jim Galt-Brown

There was a general discussion of the kind of programs and course proposals that the sub-committees may need to address during the year.

Report on Meetings with the System and Other RACC Chairs

Jonathan Bryant presented a report on the annual meeting of RAAC chairs, which he attended in the fall. He stressed that the Chancellor's office will place high priority on the Complete College Georgia initiative, launched by Governor Deal with the intent of greatly increasing the number of Georgians with college degrees. This will involve considerable collaboration between University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia and require all institutions in both systems to develop plans for meeting the Governor's goals.

Alice Pate moved that any communication between the RAACH chair and the Board of Regents office be reported to the entire RAACH membership. Motion passed.

Current Business

Jonathan Bryant raised concerns about the cost of the conference room used for the RAACH annual meeting this year. The King and Prince Hotel charged the Georgia Association of Historians (GAH) a considerable sum. He thinks we need consider ways to avoid such an expense in the future, but he also recognizes the desirability of meeting in conjunction with the GAH.

Alice Pate moved that the RAACH continue to meet in conjunction with the GAH. Motion passed.

Election of New RAACH Chair

Jonathan Bryant took up the matter of electing a chair for February 2014 – February 2015.

Alice Pate placed her name in nomination.

No other nominations were made.

Motion to elect Alice Pate as chair for February 2014 – February 2015. Motion passed.

Bob Burnham will serve as chair for February 2013 – February 2014.

Other Business

Alice Pate moved that we thank Jonathan Bryant for his service as chair over the last year.
Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Robert Burnham.

