



Regents Advisory Committee on Academic Affairs July 11, 2016 Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Dr. Brian Adler, RACAA Chair and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Georgia Southwestern State University. The minutes of the Spring 2016 meeting were approved without additions or corrections. Attendees were asked to do self-introductions. (The list of attendees is included at the end of the meeting minutes.)

Dr. Martha Venn, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Faculty Affairs, and Dr. Marci Middleton, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Programs conducted a session on academic programs. The first topic was a One Step Process for new programs. The group consensus was that this was a welcomed and necessary option. A draft of a one-step form for expedited review will be shared in the future.

Dr. Robert Anderson, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Policy provided an update for Complete College Georgia. The campus reports will focus more on campus highlights. The reports will also show a 3% year one-year end completion – which meets the current benchmarks. The convening of CCG will allow more time to discuss campus needs. In addition, faculty will have a higher level of participation around four themes: academic advising, analytics, and transition into college. CCG has a Gates Foundation \$1-million-dollar grant pending that will allow enhanced strategic planning with campuses. To date, co-remediation has been a success.

Dr. Bob Michael, Associate Vice Chancellor of Educator Preparation and Policy, provided a Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) update. At the Spring RACAA meeting, the Deans of Education were asked to develop a recommendation of how USG institution should interact with CAEP. CAEP is restructuring. CAEP is currently in 22 states. There does not appear to be a detriment to leaving this accreditor and there are no apparent alternatives for this accreditor.

Dr. Marti Venn informed the group of pending policy changes that require a RACAA vote (the vote will be held electronically):

1. Criteria for Promotion & Tenure – provide clarity in policy on promote & tenure guidelines for faculty at institutions with blended missions
2. Institutional Mission – provide clarity in policy on establishment of blended missions for consolidated institutions from different sectors
3. Notice of Non – renewal: Rank – policy change that clarify the time of service and position associate notices of renewal for ranking faculty
4. Notice of Non – renewal: Lecturer – policy changes that clarify the time of service and position associate notices of renewal for lecturers

5. Probationary Credit Toward Tenure – policy provides clarifying language in the event that a faculty member chooses to use probationary credit toward tenure and is not awarded tenure, the faculty member is not allowed to restart he tenure clock
6. International Baccalaureate (IB) credit – remove requirement for students to complete the IB Diploma in order to receive credit for individual IB courses
7. Academic Calendar – incorporate more flexibility in policy and procedures to allow for more diverse course delivery methods including ‘mini – mesters’ or nontraditional term-based modules with varying start and stop dates.

Ms. Lucy Harrison, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Library Services and Executive Director of GALILEO, provided an update on Affordable Learning Georgia. It’s been a 3 year grassroots effort. Opportunity for some competitive grants - \$10,000 small projects; \$30,000 large projects. Deadline July 31st. Awards will be made in September and December.

Dr. Felita Williams, Associate Vice Chancellor for Partnerships & Accreditation, shared updates on the General Education Articulation between the USG and the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG). The Regents Advisory Committee on Business Administration, Management and Economics has agreed to accept Economics 2105 and 2106 for non- business majors.

Cohort One of USG institutions in the Gateway to Completion project continue to move forward with their project. The institutional research staff at the participating institutions are being brought more into the work and the faculty will have a meeting this fall. Cohort Two will be delayed a year as Dr. Houston Davis serves as interim President of Kennesaw State University.

Regents Engineering Transfer Program will be renamed the Regents Engineering Pathways Program. A Regents Advisory Committee will be established for the 5 USG institutions that teach engineering courses and Mercer University. With this move, all USG institutions will be able to participate in the program. There is a requirement of the appointment of a single point of contact at the institution and training for that contact. More information to follow this meeting.

The Regents Advisory Committee on Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology asked to be split into three committees. USG Academic Affairs recommended splitting into two committees Sociology and Social Work and Anthropology. RACAA was supportive. One question was raised asking for further research since Sociology and Social Work are so different.

This September along with the regular request for Regents Advisory Academic Committee appointments (RAC), Dr. Felita Williams will include a membership listing for the Regents Advisory Administrative Committees. These lists will go to both VPAs and VPSAs. In addition, link has been created on the USG webpage that allows you to see all representatives on the RAC committees by institution.

Dr. Williams also asked the Vice Presidents about their expectations of the institutional representatives. Are the representatives asked to report committee meeting discussions, recommendations, results to the department chair, their peer, direct reports or supervisors? There should be a communication pipeline from the committees back to the campuses.

Mr. Ben Robinson, Director of the Center for Health Workforce, informed the group that a committee of the creation of a Health Informatics. Appointments for this committee will be included in the VPAA request for appointments. This creation will require two additional Area F creations.

Dr. Joyce Jones, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, share that a Regents Advisory Committee of Deans of Students – this committee has met twice. Mr. Michael Butler is the committee chair. A committee will be established for those responsible for Enrollment Management. This group will meet immediately following the end of the RACAA RACSA meeting tomorrow.

Sector Reports:

Research Universities:

- Supportive of recommended NPR one step process
- Discussed Summer benefits for faculty – no sick leave, however 9 – 12 months’ pay may repair issue
- Data reporting – comparisons across System should not be made in terms of academic programs

Comprehensive Universities:

- Supports move to one step NPR
- eCore and differing salaries paid to faculty

State Universities:

- One Step NPR – institutions should be able to opt in or out
- Administrative contracts??
- Move On When Ready (MOWR)

State Colleges:

- MOWR discussion
 - Hiring a coordinator
 - SACSCOC requirement for teaching sites issues
 - Significant boost in enrollment but FTEs lower
 - Book loan programs to offset costs of books
 - New forms and processes – i.e. joint enrollment
- One Step NPR – supports idea, shorter executive summary (first step on viability exploration)
- eCore – campus has lower pay grade for part-time instructor; eCore pays more

Dr. Micheal Crafton, Interim Chief Academic Officer and Executive Vice Chancellor, gave an update on Liberal Education America’s Promise (LEAP). Georgia will be the 13th state recognized when LEAP status is approved. LEAP’s initiative dovetail very nicely with the Essential Skills project and will proceed in tandem.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm

Meeting attendees:

USG Institution:	Institutional Representative
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	Jordan Cofer

Albany State University	Funke Fontenot
Atlanta Metropolitan State College	Micheal Heard
Augusta University	Gretchen Caughman
Augusta University	Carol Rychly
Bainbridge State College	Rodney Carr
Clayton State University	Kevin Dermmitt
College of Coastal Georgia	Tracy Pellet
Columbus State University	Tina Butcher
Dalton State College	Patricia Chute
East Georgia State College	Tim Goodman
Fort Valley State University	T. Ramon Stuart
Georgia College & State University	Costas Spirou
Georgia Gwinnett College	TJ Arant
Georgia Highlands College	Renva Watterson
Georgia Institute of Technology	Rafael Bras
Georgia Institute of Technology	Jennifer Herazy
Georgia Southern University	Diana Cone
Georgia Southwestern State University	Brian Adler
Georgia State University	Tim Renick
Georgia State University	Peter Lyons
Gordon State College	Jeffery Knighton
Kennesaw State University	Ken Harmon
Middle Georgia State University	Kevin Cantwell
Middle Georgia State University	Melanie Hatch
Savannah State University	Clarissa Myrick - Harris
South Georgia State College	Robert Page
University of Georgia	Pam Whitten
University of North Georgia	Tom Ormond
University of West Georgia	Myrna Gantner
University System of Georgia	Rob Anderson
University System of Georgia	Barbara Brown
University System of Georgia	Micheal Crafton
University System of Georgia	Joyce Jones
University System of Georgia	Bob Michael
University System of Georgia	Marci Middleton
University System of Georgia	Jennifer Rippner
University System of Georgia	Sabrina Thompson
University System of Georgia	Marti Venn
University System of Georgia	Felita Williams
Valdosta State University	Brian Gerber