RACAL Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2018

Kennesaw State University Center

Members Present:

Carol Adams (Chair/UNG); Kevin Cantwell (Recorder/MGA); Matthew Little (GSC); Thomas Koballa (G Southern SU); Maria Wilson (G Highlands); Keith Waugh (VSU); Danny Gourley (UWG); Elizabeth Huthcins (DSC); Lisa Shaw (CSU); Susan Lovell (CSU); Georgia Matthews (East G State College); Darrin Theriault (KSU); Stephane Raulerson (Chair-elect/ASU); Tamra Ortiges-Young (Georgia State U); Sarah Kuck (eCampus); Dee Lindsey (MGA); and Roz Barnes Fowler (USG); Mary Ellen Dallman (College Board)

Carol Adams called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Carol welcomed the groups and thanked those who helped set up the meeting.

Kevin Cantwell (Recorder) presented the minutes from the April 12, 2018 meeting, as well as minutes from the ad hoc MOU committee from summer 2018, including those from June 20, 2018, and July 10, 2018.

As motion to approve all three sets of minutes was made, with a few editorial corrections; a second was made, and by a unanimous vote Minutes were approved.

Stephanie Raulerson was nominated to serve as Chair-elect for AY20 and was approved by acclamation.

Danny Goureley reviewed revisions to the ALC MOU made by the summer workgroup, and reviewed all sections. He explained for new members the difference between RACAL and the ALC. A few clarifications were made to the Governance sections and the Executive Committee, which are reflected in the newest draft/update.

RACAL reviewed the Working Principles of the MOU, with 1-4 generating questions and concerns about institutions accepting credits and the processes thereof. A detailed discussion over portfolios, challenge exams, costs, etc., followed. Roz Barnes (USG) requested that all members bring the current draft of the MOU back to their own campuses for review and comment; she will schedule a conference call in early December 2018 to get a sense of any pushback/issues with USG institutions.
Roz put up slides to show USG semester enrollment reports with adult learner percentages; new policy on earned credit; military connected language in MOU because of new USG policy; reviewed stop-out list and institution plans and upcoming summary report (end of September); summarized how to serve adult learner effectively; talked about Financial Aid as barrier; discussed Partnering for Success; wants to see ALC write a grant together; reviewed CCG and Momentum Year, making the point that focus has been on access but is shifting to success.

Roz passed on request from Barbara Brown (USG) to elect rep. from all academic advisory committees to serve on the General Education Committee. Matthew Little from RACAL volunteered for that role.

Roz additionally discussed the CAEL conference in Cleveland, OH, this year, urging members to attend if budgets allowed.

The group discussed RACAL’s Spring Conference in Savannah, with the dates of April 4-5 most likely, and a call to all group members to participate in ideas for the conference.

Mary Ellen Dallman (College Board) discussed AP issues of transfer or lack thereof as barriers to already successful students, especially pertaining to access institutions. Identified 9 USG courses for 27 credit hours that are allowed. She then reviewed ten common but overlapping acronyms to include AP, CAEL, CBE, CLEP, DANTES, DSST, JST, MOS, PLA, and RACAL.

Carol wrapped up the meeting just before 2 p.m., charging Kevin Cantwell with sending around updated version of ALC MOU, and asking members to submit to him and her any items for a working To Do List.

Meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Cantwell, Recorder (AY19)