

## RACAL Meeting Minutes

Fall Meeting  
September 9 and 10, 2019  
University of West Georgia Conference Center

### Members Present:

#### Monday, September 9, 2019 (Evening Dinner and Presentation)

Carol Adams (Chair/UNG); Kevin Cantwell (Recorder/Middle Georgia State U); Mike Augustine (GCSU); Stephen Balfour (UGA); Georgia Beasley (East Georgia C); Ric Calhoun (Gordon State C); Valerie Calhoun (Gordon State C); Ameena Clark (Columbus State U); Jason Davis (Clayton State U); Mark Eister (Georgia State U); Rosalind Barnes Fowler (USG); Danny Gourley (University West Georgia); Darryl Hancock (Fort Valley State U); Steve Harmon (Georgia Tech); Amy Heaston (Georgia Southern U); Edward Hood (Savannah State U); Elizabeth Hutchins (Dalton State C); Zach Kelehear (Augusta State U); Sarah Kuck (Albany State U/eCampus); Susan Lovell (Columbus State U); Christine Ludowise (Georgia Southern U); Leo "Chris" Melody (Valdosta State U); Dana Nichols (Georgia Highlands College); Stefane Raulerson (Chair-elect/University of West Georgia); Kokila Ravi (Atlanta Metropolitan State C); Arlena Stanley (South Georgia State C); Darrin Theriault (Kennesaw State U); German Vargas (College of Coastal Georgia).

#### Tuesday, September 10, 2019 (Regular Meeting)

Carol Adams (Chair/UNG); Kevin Cantwell (Recorder/Middle Georgia State U); Mike Augustine (GCSU); Stephen Balfour (UGA); Ric Calhoun (Gordon State C); Valerie Calhoun (Gordon State C); Ameena Clark (Columbus State U); Jason Davis (Clayton State U); Mark Eister (Georgia State U); Rosalind Barnes Fowler (USG); Danny Gourley (University West Georgia); Darryl Hancock (Fort Valley State U); Amy Heaston (Georgia Southern U); Edward Hood (Savannah State U); Elizabeth Hutchins (Dalton State C); Zach Kelehear (Augusta State U); Sarah Kuck (Albany State U/eCampus); Susan Lovell (Columbus State U); Christine Ludowise (Georgia Southern U); Leo "Chris" Melody (Valdosta State U); Stefane Raulerson (Chair-elect/University of West Georgia); Kokila Ravi (Atlanta Metropolitan State C); Arlena Stanley (South Georgia State C); Darrin Theriault (Kennesaw State U).

### **Monday, September 9, 2019, 6 p.m., Dinner and Presentation**

As this was not a regular meeting of RACAL, Carol Adams welcomed everyone to the campus of the University of West Georgia and encouraged everyone to have dinner. Roz Barnes Fowler (USG) then presented "Adult Learners in Georgia & the USG," a broad framework of demographic trends across the state and the need to both

capture this potential student population and the challenges institutions face in providing curricular and co-curricular support.

### **Tuesday, September 10, 2019 (Regular Meeting)**

Carol Adams called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Carol welcomed the group and thanked those who helped set up the meeting. She noted the importance of determining the exact list of institutional representatives and helping her, the Recorder, Roz Barnes Fowler, and Stefane Raulerson continue to update the records. She noted that we had seven new members.

Kevin Cantwell (Recorder) presented the minutes from the April 4, 2019, meeting at Georgia Southern State U, Armstrong-Savannah Center and the minutes from the summer conference call of the Executive Committee from July 22, 2019. A motion to approve was made; a second was made, and by a unanimous vote Minutes were approved with one correction of a name. Motion carried.

#### **Old Business**

Danny Gourley reviewed the outlines of the Adult Learning Consortium MOU with new members and summarized the sticking points via the "Breaking Down the MOU Text" cheat sheet, with particular discussion of "old courses" with "old outcomes" with the same name of current class that has "new outcomes." He made the point that statewide progress on adult learning practices would need the right people in the room. The group was reminded of the timeline for signing the MOU, the minor edits beforehand, and the implementation of the ALC.

Discussion acknowledged recent USG policies of 3.3.6, 3.3.6.1, and 3.3.6.2 on the system site. The point was made again that signing the MOU would not tie up institutions, since the MOU promotes practices and process, not uniform outcomes. The group discussed a broader use of the Listserv and a potential repository of information for RACAL.

Carol Adams and Stefane Raulerson talked about their experience at the RAC's chairs' meeting, noting that RACAL was lucky to have Roz as our USG rep.

Roz then reminded everyone that the broader purpose of RACAL was to develop and send policy recommendations to the USG.

#### **Morning Break 10:45**

After the break Roz presented updates from the USG and numbers on occupational trends; gave us an overview of the Adult Learner webinar; showed us the USG Olik app through Carl Vinson Institute; and indicated that ALC members would have licenses to use app through their institution's IR offices or departments.

She additionally discussed ACE membership and summarized the CAEL Conference and its benefits, encouraging attendance if possible.

Darrin Theriault (KSU) discussed his upcoming seminar on PLA Policies and Practices at Kennesaw State University.

Lunch

Carol talked about the **Spring 2019 RACAL Meeting and Symposium on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of March at the University of North Georgia, Dahlonega**. Discussed generally how each school could participate and recommendations for a keynote speaker. Discussed dietary and menu issues as well as the number of available hotel rooms in Dahlonega.

Carol and Roz discussed feedback from previous attendees, including comments and suggestions for improvement.

Discussion of officers ensued.

Motion made to keep the current officers until the Spring 2019 meeting; second, and motion passed by acclamation. Motion carried.

Further discussion that all sectors of the USG should be represented on the Executive Committee, to include Chair, Chair-elect, and Recorder.

Motion made to add At-large member of Executive Committees to Bylaws to help make sure all sectors are presented, not just state universities or research universities; second; motion carried by acclamation. Motion carried.

Arlene Stanley of South Georgia State College volunteered to serve as our first At-large member for a one-year term. The group thanked her for stepping up.

Roz discussed next steps, including a scheduled webinar on adult learning; the CAEL Conference and her ability to pay for registration for a limited number of USG reps; the need to think about new officers for the Spring 2019 meeting; vouchers that would allow faculty to take CLEP tests to examine the efficacy of the tests; ALC meeting dates once ALC was established in October; and, finally, the MOU preparation for signatures.

By acclamation, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Cantwell, Recorder