

Georgia Board of Regents Transfer Officers Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 4, 2022

Time: 1:30 – 3:00 PM

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order online via Google Meet at 1:31 PM.

RAC Members Present (in alphabetical order): Lisa Baldwin, Barbara Brown (BOR University System Office Liaison), Carol Cohen, Brian Davis, Jill Drake (RAC Chair), Jason Edmond, Tim Howard, Leslie Goebal., Serita Gale, Sheri Gravett, Kristi Hayes, Jennifer Jordan, Lisa Lesseig, Fiona Liken, Frank Malinowski, Brett Merritt, Tarrah Mirus, Paul Parker, Reta Pikowsky, Alexis Pope, Edward Rosser, Katie Taylor, and Ame Wilkerson. There were three unidentified participants.

RAC Members Absent: (in alphabetical order): Dustin Anderson, Jerry Baker, Edward Rosser, Emily Cheek, Carolyn Denard, Gina Floyd, Nancy Grattan, Rebecca Gmeiner, Kristi Jones, Laura Ledford, Dian Mitchell, Dillon Montes de Oca, Karyn Nooks, George Norton, Teresa Young Pinheiro, Kathy Platt, Joel Robinson, and Lynette Saulsberry.

Welcome and Introductions:

Jill Drake welcomed the committee members to the annual meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance. Each member that was present then introduced him, her, or themselves.

New Business:

1. Adoption of new Transfer Officer Bylaws

The Committee members reviewed the new Transfer Officers Advisory Committee (TOAC) Bylaws in advance of the meeting. The floor was open for discussion. Hearing none. Jill Drake made the motion to adopt the new bylaws. Tim Howard seconded the motion. The motion passed with 20 approvals and 4 abstentions (these were on the phone).

2. Election of new Board of Regents Transfer Officers Advisory Committee Officers

Jill Drake shared with the group that she had not received any nominations for the open officer positions. She then asked for nominations for the Chair-Elect position. After waiting for nominations, with none being received, Jill Drake agreed to continue serving as Chair of the Transfer Officers Advisory Committee. Jill Drake, then, asked for nominations for the position of TOAC Secretary. Katie Taylor put her name forward. Her self-nomination was voted on and passed with 16 approvals and 8 abstentions (four abstentions were on the phone). Lastly, Jill Drake called for nominations for the position of TOAC Treasurer. Lisa Baldwin put her name forward. Her self-nomination

was voted on and passed with 16 approvals and 8 abstentions (four abstentions were on the phone).

3. Updates from around the University System

Dr. Brown provided the group with updates from the University System of Georgia ((USG). She shared that Tristan Denley left the USG on January 1, 2022, and had taken a new position with the Louisiana Board of Regents. The Board of Regents are reflecting upon what is working and what is not working among the initiatives Dr. Denley led. Some initiatives will go forward and others will be put on hold. Jonathan Watts Hull and Barbara Brown will meet with Stuart Rayfield about General Education Redesign. Dr. Brown shared that we are operating under the existing COVID 19 guidelines. Jill Drake asked about testing options for high school students. Dr. Brown affirmed that the institutions that required testing could continue to require testing and those institutions that did not require testing could continue to not require testing. Paul Parker at Kennesaw State University comments that they need the test scores back to properly place students to improve student success. Mr. Parker also mentioned that many USG institutions are setting up multiple separate articulation agreements with institutions within the Technical College System of Georgia. He wondered if we could have a better improved USG-TCSG agreement. Dr. Brown stated that this is something she can work on even though Tristen Denley is no longer with the USG. She stated that these varied agreements cause a lot of confusion. See stated the current USG agreement does not cover all of the courses in the General Education curriculum. Tim Howard shared that Tristan had encouraged his institution to articulate entire AS/AA/AAS degrees rather than articulate courses individually. Dr. Brown thought this would be something that SACSCOC would not support it. She also reiterated that this was something that Academic Affairs at the USG could work on. In the chat, it was mentioned that the difference in admission requirements might be an issue for setting up a revised USG-TCSG articulation agreement. Dr. Brown reminded the group the TCSG admission requirement are equivalent to some USG institutions. Jill Drake mentioned that Rebecca Corvey had sent out a survey to transfer officers requesting information on existing institutional agreements with TCSG institutions. Dr. Brown was not aware of this information gathering and stated that she could share results with the Committee. Tarrah Mirus asked the group for suggestions for developing Prior Learning Assessment process and the management of that process. Georgia State has a policy in place but not a uniform process across the institution. Others agreed having a good set of procedures would be helpful. Dr. Brown shared that the USG, at one time, wanted the discipline-specific advisory committees to make recommendations for regarding PLAs, but they never really got to that point. Tristan wanted USG institutions to following ACE recommendations for credit and Dr. Brown affirmed that recommendation. Several shared the issues related to the recommendation to follow ACE such as students not

getting credit applied to their programs of study. Paul Parker shared the KSU Prior Learning Assessment website with the group: <https://pla.kennesaw.edu/>

Dr. Brown shared that she would be in favor of limiting the assessments used. Others discussed what would be helpful for Barbara to consider should the USG develop a resource. Lisa Lesseig stated that she was working on template for her intuition. She agree to share what she is working on with the TOAC members.

4. Professional Development Opportunities

Jill Drake shared that the National Institute for the Study of Transfer Students (NISTS) Conference will be virtual this year and she shared a link that provided access to a free conference hosted by Missouri Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development 2021 Committee on Transfer and Articulation Conference. The link was as follows:

<https://dhewd.mo.gov/cota/cotaconference.php>

Adjournment:

Jill Drake adjourned the meeting at 2:38 PM