

Meeting Minutes: Committee on Business Administration, Management, & Economics

Minutes of Annual Meeting

Academic Advisory Committee on Business, Management and Economics

February 17-18, 2000

The annual meeting of the Academic Advisory Committee on Business, Management and Economics was held at the King and Prince Hotel, St. Simons Island, Georgia. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Robert Johnson on February 17, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. Attendees included: Abidun Ojemankinde, Albany State University, Jeff Gibbs--Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College; Chris Paul--Armstrong Atlantic State University; Bud Miller and Jacob Chacko--Clayton College & State University; Don Matthews--Coastal Georgia Community College; Bob Johnson, Linda Hadley, Mike Daniels and Frank Lazzara--Columbus State University; Richard Edwards--Dalton Collge; Wayne Yesbick--Darton College; Bruce Jones--Floyd College; Jehad Yasin--Fort Valley State University; Kathleen Simmons--Gainesville College; Jo Ann Jones, Steven Payne, and Ken Jones--Georgia College and State University; Philip Smith--Georgia Perimeter College; John G. Kooti--Georgia Southwestern State University; Melinda McCannon--Gordon College; Clyde Connie--Macon State College; Allen Slavens--Medical College of Georgia; James King--Middle Georgia College; Valerie Palmer--South Georgia College; Robert Yancy--Southern Polytechnic State University; John Wells--State University of West Georgia; Mostafa Sarhan--Savannah State Unviversity; Elizabeth Barth--University of Georgia; David Morgan--Board of Regents; Richard Skinner--Georgia Globe.

The first item of business was an introduction of attendees and announcement of schedule changes to the agenda. Chairman Johnson distributed a letter from Dorothy Zinmeister, Office of the Senior Associate for Academic Affairs, regarding the availability of University System of Georgia grants to academic advisory committees. This year's grants require collaboration of two or more academic advisory committees. It was suggested the Business, Management and Economics Committee investigate a collaborative partnership with the Mathematics and Computer Science Committee.

Next, Bud Miller and Bruce Jones presented "The Laptop Program at Clayton And Floyd--Past, Present and Future" in which they detailed history and outcomes of the laptop program at their two institutions. The program was interesting as it detailed the progress of the program and highlighted suggestions for changes. Their presentation then stimulated a discussion of on-line courses and programs currently available and underdevelopment in the University System. Several sources for on-line course components were suggested by Jo Ann Jones, Carl Godding an Jeff Gibbs including the website www.merlot.org.

Frank Lazzara from Columbus State University followed with a presentation on the IBM AS /400 program. Those interested in learning more should contact Linda Grigoleit at IBM or e-mail Frank at: lazzara_frank@colstate.edu. The discussion turned to ICAPP partnership and Economic Development Information Sources. The site www.cgeorgia.com was suggested as a resource for regional economic development information.

David Morgan then presented an update from the Regents Office Items discussed included a legislative update, information on proposed changes to the budget, the final report of the education coordinating committee and the University System Benchmarking project. It was decided to move the break-out session to the morning and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

The second day of meetings, February 18, 2000, began at 8:30 a.m. with the two and four year break-out sessions. The groups re-convened for a presentation by Steve Payne, Georgia College and State University, on the Benchmarking project. The study and items for assessment were discussed. New members were solicited and it was suggested the two-year institutions consider putting together a group of five institutions to create their own benchmarking group.

Dr. Richard Skinner, President and CEO of Georgia GLOBE presented a program on the University System of Georgia GLOBE project. This innovative and creative program is designed to answer the call for on-line courses and degrees and to coordinate the BOR institutions efforts to provide distance learning opportunities to the citizens of Georgia.

The final business meeting was held after Dr. Skinner's presentation. It was announced that Bob Johnson would mail receipts to attendees. Kathleen Simmons, Gainesville College will be chair for the 2000-2001 academic year and will host the meeting at Chateau Elan Resort and Conference Center in Northeast Metro Atlanta. John Kooti, Georgia Southwestern State University was elected chair for the 2001-2002 academic year. It was decided to recognize academic advisory committee members who are retiring or who have recently retired at the next meeting. Names will be solicited prior to the 2001 meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted

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