

Chemistry Academic Advisory Council Minutes
April 20, 2007
Middle Georgia College, Cochran, Georgia

The Chemistry Academic Advisory Committee (CAAC) met on April 20, 2007 at Middle Georgia College in Cochran, Georgia. The morning session consisted of just the Chemistry Committee. After lunch, a joint meeting was held between the Chemistry, Biology, and Physics Advisory Committees.

The morning session was chaired by Elizabeth Gurnack from Georgia Southwestern University. The secretary was Paul Cerpovicz from East Georgia College. Other committee members in attendance were:

Paulos Yohannes – Georgia Perimeter College
Barry Miburo – Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Andrea Wallace – Coastal Georgia Community College
Abe Ojo – Bainbridge College
Jim Baxter – Valdosta State University
James L. Mack – Fort Valley State University
Floyd R. Jackson – Columbus State University
Louise Wrensford – Albany State University
Adegboye Adeyemo – Savannah State University (representing Olaronge Olubajo)
Bernard Majdi – Waycross College
Nick Yang – Macon State College
Bob Zurales – Middle Georgia College
Richard Collison – Dalton State College
Tim Howell – Gainesville State College
Ken McGill – Georgia College and State University
Allan Gahr – Gordon College
Tom Crute – Augusta State University
Caroline Clower – Clayton State University
Joseph W. Patterson – Atlanta Metro College

The CAAC discussed the following agenda put forth by Chris Wozny of Waycross College:

1. Discuss the feasibility of electronically-based meetings, based on last year's experience.

A motion to address this was put forth by Nick Yang and seconded by Adegboye Adeyemo.

After some discussion it was concluded that the attempts to hold electronic meetings were fairly unsuccessful in the past and that it was much more beneficial to meet in person.

It was also concluded that, if at all possible, joint meetings with physics and biology would be desirable. It was brought up that this would alleviate some travel issues, in that members of the different committees from the same college could travel together to a joint meeting. Also, having common issues among the three disciplines concerning Early Childhood Education was seen as another positive reason to hold joint meetings.

It was also concluded that holding a meeting once a year in the spring was probably adequate, but that it would be better if the meetings were held a bit earlier in the semester since late April is a busy time for most people. The possibility was also discussed of holding the meetings in conjunction with the Georgia Academy of Sciences meeting each spring. No final decision was made concerning this option.

All of the above issues were passed with unanimous approval.

2. The adoption of a new set of by-laws based on those of the Physics/Astronomy Committee found at <http://www.usg.edu/academics/comm/physics/bylaws.pdf> .

A motion to address this issue was put forth by Richard Collison and seconded by Abe Ojo. A motion to discuss the adoption of a set of by-laws was put forth by Ken McGill and seconded by Tom Crute.

After some discussion it was decided to modify the set of by-laws adopted by the Physics/Astronomy Committee.

Using the Physics/Astronomy Committee by-laws as a guide, the secretary of the CAAC will update the by-laws and submit them to the members of the CAAC for approval.

3. Discuss the recommendations made by the Chemistry Committee in 2005 concerning AP credit and provide a justification for our recommendations.

The last time the CAAC discussed the recommendations concerning AP credit was in 2005. The minutes from the 2005 meeting may be found at http://www.usg.edu/academics/comm/chemistry/min_spr05.pdf . After some discussion, a motion was made by Tom Crute and seconded by Ken McGill to discuss Option 2 from the 2005 minutes concerning AP credit.

After some discussion, the following was tentatively agreed upon by the CAAC members in attendance:

Recommendation:

The Chemistry Academic Advisory Committee (CAAC) recommends a university system wide policy that advanced placement (AP) credit for CHEM 1151K be awarded for a score of 3 or above on the AP chemistry exam. An AP chemistry exam score of 4 or above would allow credit for CHEM 1211K. AP credit may not be used toward both CHEM 1151K and CHEM 1211K.

Rationale:

The rationale for the CAAC recommendation concerning AP credit is to alleviate transferability issues regarding CHEM 1151K and CHEM 1211K among institutions in the University System of Georgia.

4. The current charge to the Committees is to consider 'the assessment of program effectiveness'.

After some consideration, it was decided that this was a very complex issue and to table this topic for further thought and discussion at a later date.

5. Elections of Officers.

By unanimous consent Elizabeth Gurnack from Georgia Southwestern University was elected Chair for the upcoming 2007-2008 academic year.

Paul Cerpovicz from East Georgia College was elected Chair-elect for the upcoming 2007-2008 academic year, also by unanimous consent.