

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Regents Academic Advisory Committee on
Geological Sciences and Geography (ACGSG)**

At

Berry College

March 26, 2004

Present:

John R. Anderson	Georgia Perimeter College
John Black	Georgia Board of Regents [BOR]
Tom Deaton	Dalton State College
Jim Engstrom	Georgia Perimeter College
Curtis Hollabaugh	State University of West Georgia
Tim Long	Georgia Institute of Technology
Ntungwa Maasha	Coastal Georgia Community College
Jim Mayer	State University of West Georgia
Vernon Meentemeyer	University of Georgia
Doug Oetter	Georgia College & State University
I. Osondu	Fort Valley State University
Harold Trendell	Kennesaw State University

1. Call to order and introductions.

The Regents Academic Advisory Committee on Geological Sciences and Geography met at Berry College at 10:00 A.M. with Ntungwa Maasha presiding. Deliberations followed the chair's welcome and brief self-introductions by the members.

2. Matters arising from minutes of last meeting (*approved prior to meeting*).

Vernon Meentemeyer presented a draft of the learning outcomes for common core courses in Geography on behalf of the ad hoc subcommittee appointed last year. Geographers will continue discussing the outcomes subsequent to the meeting.

3. Learning Outcomes for common core courses in geology and geography.

This assignment generated considerable discussion, highlighting the following:

- Learning outcomes were expected to be broad.
- Members were not all agreed on the purpose of the learning outcomes.
- The committee agreed to seek further clarification from the BOR on this issue.

4. Review of Area F in Geology and in Geography

- In the ensuing discussion it was noted that the core facilitates transferability among the USG institutions and that Area F consists of courses that support the major.
- It was agreed that members were to collaborate with their respective Academic Officers to ensure that Area F complied with the original specifications.

5. Comments on 6th grade Earth Science Georgia Performance Standard

(GPS)

- John Black invited the committee to give feedback on the Georgia Performance Standards (GPS) by reading an excerpt from a letter the BOR intended to send to the Georgia Department of Education.
- After discussing the GPS, the committee agreed to recommend that if earth science is moved to 6th grade, an earth science course should also be offered in high school. This proposal was inspired by Dr. Pamela Burnley's (GSU) comments on the GPS.
- John R. Anderson, Tim Long, and Jim Mayer volunteered to draft the formal committee response to be sent to the BOR.

6. Any other business

None.

7. Location and site for next meeting

- The committee will meet at the same time and site of the next meeting of Georgia Academy of Science.

8. Committee Chair for 2004-2006

Ntungwa Maasha passed on the committee chair to I. Osondu.

9. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Ntungwa Maasha