

# Meeting Minutes: Committee on Graduate Work

**Administrative Committee on Graduate Work (ACOGW)  
University System of Georgia  
State University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA 30118  
Minutes of Meeting April 14, 2000**

A meeting of the Administrative Committee on Graduate Work was held on April 14, 2000 at the Jekyll Inn on Jekyll Island Georgia in conjunction with Leadership Development Seminar for 2000. Committee members or institutional representatives present were: Dr. John Diebolt, Georgia Southern University; Dr. Thomas Holder, University of Georgia; Dr. Jack Jenkins, State University of West Georgia; Dr. Ken Jones, Georgia College and State University; Dr. Teresa Joyce, Kennesaw State University; Ms. Maureen Kilroy, Georgia Institute of Technology; Mr. Claude Lucas, Jr., Fort Valley State University; Dr. Steve Ross, North Georgia College and State University; Dr. Emma Simon, Armstrong Atlantic State University; Ms. Parris Smith; Georgia College and State University; Dr. Lane Van Tassell, Georgia Southern University; Dr. Chester Trahan of the Southern Polytechnic State University, and Dr. Paul Beyer of Columbus State University. Dr. John T. Wolfe, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, also attended the meeting.

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Dr. Ken Jones, chair of the committee for 1999 - 2000, welcomed everyone and asked representatives from each university to introduce themselves.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the February 25, 2000 meeting of the committee were approved.

## **Update from the Regents Office**

Dr. John T. Wolfe, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, addressed institutional representatives on matters of importance occurring in the Central Office. Dr. Wolfe covered several topics in his presentation.

Dr. Wolfe stated that the same eight institutions that were funded before have received funding under the Yamacraw economic development program.

Dr. Wolfe stated that the sick leave policy was on the agenda for the next BOR meeting. One concern was making the USG's sick leave policy consistent with the parts of the Family Leave Act. There is also concern that record keeping for faculty sick leave is inadequate. An issue related to faculty sick leave is whether faculty should be granted additional time to be tenured as a result of sick leave taken under the auspices of the Family Leave Act.

Dr. Wolfe also updated the committee on the current status of the USG's benchmarking effort. Certain institutions (the University of Georgia and three others) have been selected to help the committee better

understand how benchmarking would work for every institution. Final reports from all three areas (academics, management, and data management/information systems) are due in October.

Dr. Sethna will return to the State University of West Georgia at the end of June. A new Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs is expected as of July 1. Dr. Art Dunning will be assuming a position of Vice President for External Affairs at the University of Georgia as of July 1. It is unclear whether his current position as Senior Vice Chancellor for Human and External Resources/Acting Deputy would be filled. This position, as well as the position of Assistant Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs and others, are under review.

Dr. Wolfe also updated ACOGW members on the following:

- Issues related to comprehensive program review are being clarified. The Regents Administrative Committee on Institutional Effectiveness (RACIE) is in charge of this process.
- The Technology Master Plan is under development and is being guided by Dr. Sethna. It will be presented to the Board before Dr. Sethna leaves.
- Undergraduates will be able to complete core courses electronically via eCORE.

Dr. Diebolt of Georgia Southern asked about the mechanics of reviewing the web based MBA degree proposal given the novel manner in which this degree program would be offered. The web based MBA degree would be offered by a consortium of five universities over the web with each school getting a certain number of slots for students and with web based courses being taught by faculty at each of the universities. After some discussion, it was concluded that each university did not have to submit a separate proposal to the Board for approval.

### **Leadership Development Seminar**

Dr. Jenkins updated ACOGW on issues surrounding the 2000 Leadership Development Seminar. Copies of the new System Graduate Student recruitment brochure was distributed. ACOGW members were also told of the unexpected increase in food costs. Institutional representatives discussed the possibility of moving the Seminar to another location next year. Dr. Jenkins stated that he would look into it.

### **Election of Chair for 2001 -2002**

Dr. Steve Ross of North Georgia College and State University was elected chair of ACOGW for the 2001 - 2002 school year.

### **Task Force Report**

Dr. Diebolt has submitted ACOGW's proposal regarding out-of-state fee waivers for military personnel not stationed in Georgia to the Dr. John Wolfe for consideration by Academic Affairs.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack O. Jenkins  
Chair Elect, 2000 - 2001

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