

Meeting Minutes: Committee on Graduate Work

Administrative Committee on Graduate Work (ACOGW) Meeting Minutes February 23, 2001

The Academic Committee on Graduate Work (ACOWG) met on Friday, February 23, 2001 at Albany State University in Albany, Georgia. Those present at the meeting were: Claud Perkins, Steve Ross, Bob Yancy, George Williams, John Wolfe, Cathy Rozmus, Kirt Meyers, Julius Scipio, Diane Frink, Paul Beyers, Ken Jones, Maureen Kilroy, Lane Van Tassell, Jack Jenkins (Chair), Tom Hodler, and Dick Diebolt.

Chairman Jenkins began by welcoming all members to the meeting and thanking those at Albany State University for hosting the meeting. He next asked Dr. Bob Yancy to come forward where Dr. Yancy was recognized by ACOGW with a plaque for his years of outstanding and dedicated service to the committee.

The minutes from the meeting of November 17, 2000 were approved.

Dr. Jenkins next recognized Dr. John Wolfe of the Regents Office who updated ACOGW on several matters. Dr. Wolfe first noted that the search for the position of Vice Chancellor for Faculty and Student Affairs was winding down with interviews now ongoing. He also mentioned that Barry Fullerton was assuming the position of BANNER Project Director. Dr. Wolfe next mentioned some changes in admissions standards whereby credit could be accepted for agriculture and ROTC units. Finally, Dr. Wolfe said that he had no new information on the matter of tuition waivers for graduate student assistants.

The next agenda item involved the matter of the on-campus/off-campus rule relating to graduate degree hours. It was noted that the matter would need to be considered in light of SACS requirements. Dr. John Wolfe said that he would bring the matter up before the Regents.

Attention turned to the Leadership Development Seminar (LDS). Dr. Steve Ross began by encouraging the membership to openly discuss the LDS and its future. Dr. Jenkins took the opportunity to make several comments about LDS. He urged the committee to consider the multi-faceted benefits of LDS and to look beyond the specific number of students who had enrolled in graduate school as a result of past attendance. Dr. Jenkins noted that LDS is but one means of recruiting minority students to graduate school. He encouraged the membership to look at other factors as well which are involved in a student's decision to enter graduate school. Dr. Bob Yancy observed that there are a number of benefits for students attending LDS, not the least of which is having the opportunity to interact with other minority students from across the state and to make new friends.

In the final analysis, it was agreed to continue the LDS, but to continually look at ways to improve it. A comprehensive survey on the effectiveness of LDS will be developed. Tom Hodler of UGA agreed to receive items to include in the survey. Bob Yancy suggested that a fresh look be taken at obtaining additional outside funding for LDS which would make it possible for a greater number of students to attend. Steve Ross asked that there be created a central planning committee for LDS. It was suggested that membership on the committee

include Bob Yancy, Jack Jenkins and any other ACOGW members who wished to serve.

Chairman Jenkins discussed this year's LDS agenda. March 5, 2001 is the deadline for receiving names of attending students.

Dr. Maureen Kilroy agreed to serve as chair of a nominating committee to select the vice-chairman of ACOGW for the 2002-03 academic year. She should receive nominations soon.

There was brief report given about the recent meeting of the Southern Conference of Graduate Schools in Richmond, Virginia. A session on staff development for graduate office staff was of particular interest. It was suggested that something like that could be held in conjunction with future ACOGW meetings.

In other business, Tom Hodler volunteered to create a list-serve for the group.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Ross.

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