

Academic Committee on Graduate Work
Minutes
February 1, 2002

The Academic Committee on Graduate Work (ACOGW) met at the University of Georgia (Georgia Center for Continuing Education in Athens, Georgia) on Thursday-Friday, January 31-February 1, 2002. Members present included Steve Ross (Chair), George N. Williams, Keith Oden, C. T. Cummings, Van Tassell, Claude G. Perkins, Ken Jones, Dick Diebolt, Tom Hodler, Charles Lewis, Gordon L. Patel, Matt Kluger, Julius Scipio, Teresa Joyce, Doug Boudinot, Mike G. Murphy, Jack O. Jenkins and John Wolfe.

Dr. Steve Ross began the meeting by welcoming all members to the meeting and thanking the University of Georgia for hosting the meeting.

The minutes from the October 26 meeting were approved after the inclusion of C. T. Cummings as being present at the meeting held in Savannah, Georgia. A copy of the agenda was distributed. The meeting involved the discussion of the Leadership Development Seminar 2002, Board of Regents update by Dr. John Wolfe and a discussion of Graduate Studies/Economic Impact led by Dr. Tom Hodler.

Dr. Jenkins indicated to the group that he would not be able to spend the entire morning with us and apologized for having to get back to West Georgia. He distributed a copy of the rough draft of the program for the Leadership Development and Minority Graduate Recruitment Seminar. He mentioned that all participants had been contacted and there may be a few changes but the program was essentially in tact. He stated that he and Dr. Ross would do a site visit before the end of March and that Dr. Ross would need to know the names of all students and the two representatives from each institution by March 1, 2002. We agreed that each institution would bring three gifts (no set price but not less than ten dollars) to be used as prizes to be awarded during the conference. It was mentioned that unlike the past, we would not print a directory this year for distribution.

A call was made for someone to assist the students at the registration desk. Dr. Dick Diebolt volunteered his services and would assist Dr. Ken Jones. It was mentioned that this would be spring break for several of the colleges and they would not be in attendance.

Dr. Jenkins stated that we receive \$15,000 from the Regents to take care of the expenses, room and meals. When we contract with the hotel, we contracted for so many rooms and meals and are charged regardless to whether they occupied the room or eat. We were asked to encourage all of our students to attend the seminar and eat their meals.

Dr. Tom Hodler stated that he made contact with the Board and they will provide feedback as to the success of our students enrolled in our graduate schools. He assured us that the data would be available in the next two to three weeks. When available, he will share the data.

Chairman Ross said that we would have a meeting at 4:00 pm in Jekyll Island, which will constitute the spring meeting.

Dr. John Wolfe gave an update from the System. He told us that the new chancellor is off and running and doing a great job thus far. He discussed several of the initiatives and projects in progress at the board.

The remainder of the meeting was spent on Graduate Studies/Economic Impact. A lively discussion was led by Dr. Tom Hodler and Dr. Doug Boudinot. It was brought to the attention of the group that there is not much concerning graduate education on the system's web page. The group asked, 1) Is there an interest in developing an Economic Impact of Graduate Education in Georgia? And 2) How much money is graduate education bringing to the state? The University of Georgia delegation stated that they would be willing to initiate the study and began collecting data. It was suggested that we need to conduct a business survey and probably issue a contract for someone to collect, analyze, and write a report to be presented to the Board of Regents. The motion to allow Doug and his subgroup to pursue this issue was made and seconded. Doug would give an update at the April meeting.

The need to have our vision statement on graduate education linked to our graduate program is important. We were all asked to see if graduate studies were linked to our individual institution's web page. If it is not, we should all have it linked to our web page.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Recorder,

George N. Williams