

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE WORK
MINUTES
October 18, 2002

The Academic Committee on Graduate Work (ACOGW) met at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Georgia on Thursday -Friday, October 17-18, 2002. Members present: Claude Perkins, Julius Scipio, Angelia Moore, Maureen Kilroy, Arthur Murphy, Teresa Joyce, Donna Gassell, George N. Williams (Chair), Alan Gabrielli, Jack Jenkins, Maureen Grasso, Tom - Hodler, Ernestine Clark, Bee Crews, Mark Fissell, Dick Diebolt (Dr. Frank Butler from the Board of Regents and KSU President Betty Siegel met with the group the first part of the meeting.)

Dr. George Williams began the meeting by welcoming all members to the meeting and thanking Kennesaw State University and Dr. Joyce for hosting the meeting. Dr. Williams acknowledged the presence of Dr. Frank Butler from the Board of Regents.

A copy of the Agenda was distributed and accepted for the October 18th meeting. Dr. Williams stated that he was informed that the chair-elect, Dr. Doug Boudinot was no longer at the University of Georgia and we needed to elect someone to that position. The floor was opened for nominations. Dr. Teresa Joyce was elected as chair-elect and will serve as the secretary.

Before Dr. Butler was asked to give an update from the Board of Regents, Dr. Williams stated that Dr. John Wolfe had another engagement and would not be at the meeting but left a written report with Dr. Williams.

Dr. Butler gave an update from the Board of Regents:

1. Difficult to balance the needs of the taxpayers and what campuses desire from the BOR.
2. Accountability is being emphasized more.
3. Working on a common strategy at the system level to deal with report card results.
4. State of Georgia needs a strong research base to remain competitive.
5. There will be more accountability in graduate programs. Currently in report card: medical pass rates, other measures such as pass rates on licensure exams will be added.
6. Recognize that graduate work is necessary to a strong economy.
7. Currently working on workload issue. BOR will not prescribe workload, but will create a policy that:
 - a. Gives some guidance to individual institutions about what is valued by the System.
 - b. Will be an accountability document to explain workload issues.
 - c. Will articulate what faculty do to our communities and what the System values.
8. University System is still coming to grips with relationship to DTAE and University System.

Questions from ACOGW members (Q), Dr. Butler's Response (A)

Q: In looking at strategic plan, regional needs, program mix. Is Southwest Georgia adequately positioned?

A: BOR needs to be more proactive in providing guidance funding to institutions to meet the needs of the area. System-level needs to help Universities make these decisions

Q: Current issues with Lectureships/Part-time faculty

A. Will discuss in meeting next Thursday, reappointment for lecturers or senior lecturers and due process for lecturers who have been in System for some period of time. This will be discussed at the next meeting of the Academic Committee on Academic Affairs. BOR will study part-time faculty use this year.

Q: If economics picks up, is there a chance that the BOR will be funding insurance for Graduate Assistants?

A. Just beginning to explore this issue. UGA and GA Tech representatives volunteered to help in any way. BOR is also discussing changes in funding formula for campuses. One proposal on the table is talking about 80 percent funding guaranteed based on credit hours; 20 percent to fund System priorities.

Q: What is the System doing about increasing access?

A. BOR is looking at admissions, retention for African-American males currently being studied. Role of preparing engaged teachers is extremely important. Number one predictor of success in college is the grade in Algebra II in high school.

Q: What is position of Central Office about other universities (University of Phoenix) moving into our markets?

A: BOR has no regulatory authority over this.

Q: Will funding be available from the BOR for this year's Leadership Development Seminar? Dr. Butler will give us an answer by Monday.

The record should show that Dr. John Wolfe was unable to attend this meeting, but left a report. Dr. Butler covered the issues in Dr. Wolfe's report so Dr. Williams saw no need for discussion of Dr. Wolfe's report.

Discussion of Leadership Development Seminar: Dates for this year are April 4-6, 2003. Dr. Jenkins lead the discussion -gave brief history of the seminar and reviewed the schedule from last year's seminar. Suggestions for this coming year:

1. Breakfast session on Computer Science/Information Systems
2. Continue door prizes/raffle with gifts from different institutions
3. Includes sessions about application and testing for graduate school, financing graduate school
4. Dr. Williams passed around a sheet showing schools that have paid the annual fee for the LDS.

5. Dr. Diebolt discussed evaluations from the 2002 meeting and passed out the evaluation instrument used last year along with responses. Results of the survey were discussed. Dr. Diebolt will send out a summary of 200 1 survey responses for comparison purposes.
6. Names of participants should be sent to Dr. Jack Jenkins by mid-February.
7. Dr. Claude Perkins distributed a certificate that his school gave to participants upon returning. Suggested that we do this for the entire group. Dr. Perkins agreed to come up with a model for the certificate and to produce and pay for the certificate.
8. Dr. Tom Hodler discussed the spreadsheet he distributed earlier in the year, showing how many students who have attended the Leadership Development Seminar go on to graduate school in Georgia. The data set covers 1995-2000 -164 students had registered for graduate programs in Georgia. He will distribute the spreadsheet again.

Dr. Diebolt distributed copies of the vision statement for graduate education that appears on the BOR website. Dr. Diebolt gave a brief history of the statement. Members of the committee were asked to review the statement and suggest updates. The vision statement will be discussed at our next meeting.

Dr. Ernestine Clark noted that previous ACOGW groups have met with/presented to BOR staff on a yearly basis and members concurred that we should consider this in the future.

Dr. Hodler discussed a proposed study of the economic impact of graduate education on the State of Georgia. Does the group want to conduct a study (subcontract the work)? If so, we need to look at studies from other states, determine what types of questions we would like to ask. Dr. Hodler will start the discussions on the listserv. Several members indicated a willingness to help.

New Business:

Dr. Perkins discussed Graduate Student Research and Professional Development. In surveys at his school, students indicated they wanted some support in their research -support for travel to conferences, etc.

Dr. Clark at Valdosta said that faculty and staff contribute money to the annual fund to support graduate students with research to present at seminars. Students submit a proposal to a committee and the committee decides what proposals will be funded.

Dr. Diebolt suggested that some money for travel grants may be available from graduate student fees. Generally have to get money from the undergraduate fees since they tend to control the budget. .

Georgia College and State University. They get money from Academic Affairs. They also have a journal.

Dr. Jenkins has a graduate student research award. He also has started a Graduate Student Organization in order to get funds.

Georgia Southwestern State University has some funds from the Foundation.

GSU gives out competitive dissertation grants.

The Graduate Student Association at UGA has organized a yearly on-campus meeting to present papers.

Dr. Williams will contact MCG to see if they are interested in hosting the February meeting. MCG is not interested, GSU has volunteered to host.

Dr. Jenkins thanked Dr. Joyce for KSU's hospitality.

Dr. Perkins reminded members that he is a candidate for the Board of Directors for the Council of Graduate Schools.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 11 :00am.

Recorder,

Teresa Joyce