

**Minutes of the Regents Advisory Committee on Political Science (POLS RAC)
January 31, 2002 at the Mulberry Inn, Savannah, Georgia**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Jack Waskey of Dalton College & State University, Chair. In the absence of the former Chair, Dr. Ben Tate, minutes of the meeting were recorded by Dr. Penny Mills, Gainesville College. A forum was present to conduct business. Since there were new members in attendance, Dr. Waskey explained the purpose of the Regents' Advisory Committees in providing faculty input on academic and governance issues to the Board of Regents. Dr. Waskey announced that BOR POLS liaison John Wolfe had expressed a desire to attend but was prevented by another engagement. Ms. Kathy Hudson, Board of Regents representative, arrived later in the meeting, having attended the Criminal Justice RAC meeting first.

The following institutions were represented:

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Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	present
Albany State University	absent
Armstrong Atlantic State University	present
Atlanta Metropolitan College	absent
Augusta State University	absent
Bainbridge College	present
Clayton College and State University	present
Coastal Georgia Community College	absent
Columbus State University	present
Dalton State College	present
Darton College	present
East Georgia College	absent
Floyd College	present
Fort Valley State University	present
Gainesville College.	present
Georgia College and State University	present
Georgia Institute of Technology	absent
Georgia Middle College	present
Georgia Perimeter College	present
Georgia Southern University	present
Georgia Southwestern State	present
Georgia State University	present
Gordon college	present
Gwinnett University Center	absent
Kennesaw State University	present
Macon State College	present
Medical College of Georgia— <i>not a member of POLS RAC Committee</i>	
Middle Georgia College	present
North Georgia College and State University	present

Savannah State University	present
Skidaway Institute of Oceanography— <i>not a member of POLS RAC Committee</i>	
South Georgia College	present
Southern Polytechnic State University	absent
State University of West Georgia	present
University of Georgia	present
Valdosta State University	present
Waycross College	present
Georgia Board of Regents [LIAISON]	John T. Wolfe, Jr.
Georgia Board of Regents	Kathy Hudson BOR rep for Criminal Justice

The issues of faculty workloads and compensation were discussed. Teaching loads and service loads appear to have risen with the change to the semester system and with the increasing paperwork associated with procedures for demonstrating professional accountability. In addition particular attention was paid to reduced summer pay and the variation in summer compensation across schools, and overloading class sizes. Also in to workload and compensation were linked the increased use of part-time faculty. With the latter, there were also issues of low pay for part-time faculty, their predominant use in evening classes, the increased committee assignments for full-time faculty resulting from the use of part-time faculty, and so on. Acknowledging that these issues are under study at the Board of Regents, the POLS RAC expressed concern over faculty recruitment and retention at institutions where inequities in these issue areas effect morale.

A motion was made to appoint a sub-committee to prepare a survey to be sent to all full-time faculty teaching Political Science to ascertain the impact of these issues. Before distribution, the survey will be sent to all POLS RAC members for review. Drs. Jack Waskey, Joe Trachtenberg, and Penny Mills agreed to serve on the sub-committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

Changes on some campuses in sick leave accountability policies resulting from the recent change to count sick leave accumulations toward retirement were discussed. This issue, too, is under study by the Board of Regents and on campuses. The POLS RAC expressed concern over the impact on morale at institutions where the new policies appear to be particularly stringent.

Ms. Hudson, BOR representative to the Criminal Justice Committee, answered questions regarding the program review process and how it is handled at different institutions. Ms. Hudson answered other questions from the floor. Several POLS RAC members commended the depth and breadth of Ms. Hudson's remarks and requested that she address the POLS RAC next year. All the members of the committee were delighted to have benefited so much from her participation.

A discussion of campus security issues resulting from the war on terrorism occurred. Discussants expressed concern for campus security in the light of the nature of the open campuses in all system school. Further discussion resulted in a motion

recommending that the Board of Regents provide training for public security personnel in cultural sensitivity in order to provide better security for international students in light of events related to 9/11. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The use and ways for the payment of GSAMS was mentioned.

The European Union Certificate Programs was also briefly describe and participation encouraged.

As a result of new rules for the Regents' Advisory Committees, starting next year the chair serves a two-year term. Ms. Rebecca Sims of South Georgia College was elected unanimously as Chair Elect for 2003-2004

Dr. Waskey expressed his appreciation for the excellent participation of the members of the committee. He was particularly grateful to Dr. Penny B. Mills for acting as recorder.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny B. Mills, Recorder