

# Meeting Minutes: Committee on Political Science

## **Minutes of the Regents Academic Advisory Committee on Political Science November 11, 2004**

The Committee met at the Mulberry Inn in Savannah, Georgia at 2:00 p.m. Presiding officer was Rebecca Sims of South Georgia College. Twenty-one institutions were represented, a list of which is provided in the appendix to these minutes. No Regents liaisons were in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting (November 13, 2003) had already been disseminated and approved by email. Official paper copies were distributed to the membership, proofread, and again approved.

A discussion began on the question of pay disparities for E-Core courses. A motion requesting a higher percentage of pay was made and seconded, but later withdrawn. Another discussion began regarding the placement of a faculty representative on the Board of Regents (BOR), but a motion to that effect was also withdrawn.

### **Motions Passed**

- a. A motion was passed to revise and resubmit recommendations to the BOR regarding charges to the Committee, and requesting the BOR to respond to said recommendations. The language for the recommendations was revised to the following:
  1. Compliance with 2002 Area E POLS-1101 BOR Charge to Committee regarding Learning Outcomes: A motion was passed establishing the following statement as the general learning outcome common to the American Government core course. "Students will comprehend the structures, functions, roles and processes, both formal and informal, of the political institutions of the United States and Georgia."
  2. POLS-1101 Requirements in Area E: A motion was passed recommending that the BOR require that POLS-1101 be included in all USG institutions' Area E requirements. The motion stated that, "In the interest of fostering good citizenship all students will demonstrate, by passing POLS-1101 or through appropriate alternate examination, competence in American and Georgia governments and constitutions."
- b. Joseph Njoroge was elected as the Committee's new Chair-Elect to succeed John Vanzo, who will assume the office of Committee Chair. An expression of gratitude to outgoing Chair Rebecca Sims for her outstanding service to the Committee was passed by unanimous acclamation.
- c. A motion was passed requiring that a brief report from POLS-RAC be presented to the GPSA's annual business meeting by the outgoing Chair (contingent on agreement by the GPSA President).

## General Discussion

The Committee also shared information and insights on a variety of relevant matters, including effects of the state budget shortfall and possible changes to HOPE scholarships. It was decided that next year's meeting will again be held in Savannah, Georgia.

Respectfully submitted

John P. Vanzo, Bainbridge College

### APPENDIX: Institutions represented at the meeting

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Augusta State University, Bainbridge College, Clayton College and State University, Columbus State University, Darton State College, Darton College, Gainesville College, Georgia College and State University, Georgia Perimeter College, Georgia State University, Gordon College, Kennesaw State University, Macon State College, Middle Georgia College, North Georgia College and State University, Savannah State University, South Georgia College, Southern Polytechnic State University, State University of West Georgia, Valdosta State University

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