

Regents Advisory Committee on Political Science

Annual Meeting

Thursday, November 11th, 2010

1:00 – 3:00 pm (Amber Room)

Savannah, Georgia

Institutions Present: Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Atlanta Metropolitan College, Augusta State University, Bainbridge College, Clayton State University, Coastal Georgia College, Columbus State University, Darton College, Georgia Highlands College, Gainesville State College, Georgia College and State University, Georgia Perimeter College, Gordon College, Georgia Gwinnett College, Kennesaw State University, Macon State College, Middle Georgia College, South Georgia College, Southern Polytechnic State University, University of West Georgia, Valdosta State University.

Dr. Mark Milewicz called the meeting order.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the November 12, 2009 meeting were approved.

Old Business: The Regents Advisory Chairs met on 9/24/10 to discuss: improvements to communications, to increase the graduation rate in the USG, and to call for a common set of Area F outcomes by 2011 for 4 year schools and by 2012 for 2 year schools. Criteria should be simple, collegiate, and measurable.

There was general discussion on Area F outcomes and there was consensus that each institution should have measurable outcomes.

A motion was made by Dr. Trachtenberg to consider and discuss this issue over the coming year and decide at the 2011 RAC meeting how best to respond. Seconded by Kerry Stewart and passed unanimously.

There was discussion on the RAC by-laws and consensus that we were under Roberts Rules of Order. A suggestion was made that if no one can find a copy of our by-laws, we should borrow from another committee and use those.

New Business:

Chair – elect Roger Marietta stepped up to be the new Chair.

Dr. Kerry Stewart was voted to be the Chair - Elect.

LMS Review is coming up and the BOR will review the Georgia View and Blackboard.

Gainesville State College has proposed a BA in Political Science.

Dr. Susan Campbell discussed USG budget issues and possible new formulas that Gov. Deal is looking at. She suggested that future budgets will be based NOT on enrollment but on performance. In an answer to a question, Dr. Campbell stated that IPEDS can track students who leave an institution for non-academic reasons.

Dr. Campbell said that USG is transitioning away from the Regents Tests.

The Chancellor is retiring June 11th and a search committee is being formed.

Dr. Campbell stated there is a disconnect between data and budget and the USG needs a targeted approach based on data linkages.

Marietta adjourned the meeting.