

RACEA Executive Committee
Conference Call, Friday, August 14, 2015, 9:00-10:00 AM

Attendees: Michael Black, Bryan Davis, Barbara Brown, Allan Aycok, Cathi Jenks, Danielle Buehrer, Jill Lane

Absent: Juliana Lancaster

1. Approval of Minutes from July 10, 2015
 - a. Minutes were approved – Correct spelling of Allan’s name.
2. CPR Committee Update
 - a. Bryan -- there is going to be a subcommittee of the Program Policy Taskforce – have heard that Marci Middleton will be the liaison. Donta Truss (Fort Valley), Angeles, and Juliana are the RACEA members and Kelli Brown, provost at GA College, will Chair. Bryan invited Marci and Kelli to the fall meeting to talk to RACEA about what their charge is and get their input. That will be on the agenda. The subcommittee has not yet met. We will learn more at the fall meeting.
3. AA and AS Task Force Update
 - a. Area F of the Core
 - i. Barbara – the memo that was sent out says that well defined Area Fs of the Core will be more flexible -- programs leading to transfer in psychology or history, for example– big thing is to decide which programs are enough to be degrees, whereas others will lead into a major. Smaller institutions may not be able to do the former. Still time for feedback to Theresa Joyce if you would like to provide some.
 - ii. Bryan – suggested that the proposed language for the BoR policy on Associates Degrees, “In some associate degree programs, the required 18 hours in Area F are sufficiently coherent enough to be considered a major field of study at the associate level (i.e., 12 to 18 hours)” does not do enough to guide institutions in deciding what constitutes “sufficient coherence.” Do the 12-18 hours need to be in a single discipline, for instance?
 - b. Policy Change - Core – putting it in the 3.3.1 core curriculum in the policy manual that the Core is 42 hours.
 - i. Barbara – goals is to help with SACSCOC with degree programs at associate level. Administrative dominoes will have to fall. Will not affect baccalaureate level. Is really to address institutions that are between a rock and a hard place.
 - ii. Bryan – what is not being addressed is that once you have a program you have to have someone with appropriate terminal degree to coordinate the program. This may be a challenge for smaller institutions as well.
4. USG General Education Council Update (Consortia in general and eCore in particular)
 - a. Special meeting day about eCore. Mike Johnson came to speak with us. Some concern about mechanism for approving consortia arrangements. They need a clearer but more flexible process...so many different types of arrangements coming along; this is the larger issue. They will still address it by creating or tweaking policy on substantive change or collaborative arrangements.

- i. Barbara noted that the focus is on the latter. eCore has tried to be very careful about this in that they require institutions to review it every year.
 - ii. Bryan was thinking this to be more general.
- b. Jill received a call regarding eMajor from a person who is getting pushback from the university on it. Bryan noted that the hardest part is collaborating with other institutions who are different levels and have different reporting requirements to SACSCOC. Georgia Southwestern had this issue with the Criminal Justice major in joining eMajor. Danielle added that different types of institutions have different expectations of what needs to be done with SACSCOC. Jill noted that goes back to the eMajor group. Helped Jon Sizemore understand a little more at the meeting in the spring, but is not sure that everyone has the same understanding. They are not taking into consideration the little things that happen at each institution due to SACSCOC requirements. Bryan noted that he's had this conversation, but there is not a clear understanding of how this will play out in the future. There is a need to help colleagues with this. Barbara – discussion at the Gen Ed Council was informative on this. In particular is the question of whether eCore a core curriculum in and of itself or is it a set of courses that institutions use to satisfy general education requirements. Resolving this will resolve the issues moving forward. eMajor is not the same in that regard.
- c. A question was posed regarding the transcribing of credits earned. Credits are transcribed as institutional credit via Ingress. 30-hour residency requirement is not an issue.
- d. The agreements need to be more robust – institutions have proper oversight of integrity of degrees they are granting. They need to stipulate facts about the faculty to meet the expectations of the policy on the integrity of undergraduate programs.

5. Fall Meeting

- a. Date October 23 reserved at MGSU (9:00 AM to 3:30 PM)
 - i. Will be in same rooms as last year
- b. Registration Fee \$50?
 - i. Is this okay with everyone? Do we need to raise to \$75 to address Michael's concerns? If want to offset – \$65 or \$75 would be good. Need to find a way to cut expenses for spring meeting. Bryan – stick with \$50 and have as part of the discussion of annual meeting planning in the fall.
 - 1. Jill, Allan, Cathi in agreement.
 - ii. Still want hot lunch like last year? It would be \$35 person. Had boxed at Gen Ed Council and it was about \$25. We could probably make a little bit more to offset expenses of annual meeting.
 - iii. **ACTION** – Bryan will check and let everyone know what the cost will be.
- c. Possible Agenda Items
 - i. CPR Committee/RACAA-RACEA subcommittee
 - ii. AA & AS Task Force
 - 1. RACAA Policy change
 - 2. How to assess Area F?
 - 3. Other issues arising from policy change?
 - iii. Annual Meeting Planning (Danielle)
 - iv. Other Agenda Items??

1. Call for additional items – Bryan – if vote for change in bylaws for Gen Ed Council rep then we need to present it at fall meeting if we are going to vote on it at spring meeting.
 - a. **ACTION:** Bryan will add this to the agenda.
 - b. **ACTION:** Bryan to draft the agenda and send it out for review to be finalized on next call.

6. RAC chairs meeting September 18, 2015 @ MGSU
 - a. Bryan – received a meeting invitation from Felita to attend RAC chairs meeting. Administrative Committee Chairs have not been invited before this year, but apparently the Advisory Committee Chairs have been meeting annually for some time.

7. Next Call: September 11 @ 9:00 AM
 - a. All in agreement on day and time and that WebEx worked fine.