

PAAAC Meeting – May 5, 2016 Minutes

The telephonic meeting was called to order by Bill Dennis at 2:05 pm after a quorum was reached.

Attendees:

Rachana Bhatt: BOR University System Office Liaison

Emma Cooley: Dalton State College

Bill Dennis: University of Georgia [Chair]

Leon Jaynes: Armstrong State University

Charles W. Johnson: South Georgia State College

Nikolaos Kidonakis: Kennesaw State University

Mark Pergrem: Georgia Highlands College

Richard M. Prior: University of North Georgia

Shawn Seat: Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College [Chair Elect]

Michael Schatz: Georgia Institute of Technology

Malav Shah: Middle Georgia State University

Kimberly Shaw: Columbus State University

Brian Thoms: Georgia State University

Yelena White: East Georgia State College

Minutes from May 1, 2015 were presented by Bill Dennis and they were approved unanimously without revision.

New business:

1. System Office Initiatives (Presented by Rachana Bhatt)

- a. The chancellor has placed a high emphasis on college completion including higher graduation rates and higher retention
- b. Move On When Ready has been adjusted so textbooks are now included

- c. Reverse transfer – if a student has transferred to a 4-year degree program, the System Office wants to make it easier to allow students to get an Associate’s Degree from the transferring institution.
- d. Complete College Georgia
 - i. increasing completion; implementation of corequisite remediation with supplemental support
 - ii. Intrusive advising – East Georgia State College software where enrollees in a program are having difficulty in completing a degree; steps toward improving study skills and/or new degree programs
- e. Articulation between TCGA to USG – PHYS 1111 and other courses to look at, comparing TCSG outcomes to those in the USG
- f. New SAT exam – Investigating the new scoring system and subscores; should Freshman Index be changed, should we look at subscores?

2. Questions to Rachana Bhatt from PAAAC membership

- a. Richard Prior brought a question concerning MOWR and advising pre-engineering and physics – Georgia Tech requires students to have 2 semester after high school to transfer but students may have completed the pre-engineering coursework before graduation. Rachana Bhatt: Ga Tech has a different approach to credit hours from within the System; she will follow up with dual enrollment with MOWR about precedents at Georgia Tech.
- b. Richard Prior: AP courses, especially calculus, are not equivalent to calculus at USG schools; students need to take Calculus I despite high scores on the AP exam. R Bhatt: Office of Educational Access and Success office has looked at AP scores. Michael Schatz – Common that AP credit calculus need to retake the class. High school is teaching to the test, and knowing how to take the test is inequivalent to the course. R Bhatt: The System Office will send feedback to the College Board about the credit cutoff; teaching to the test is a serious problem. M Schatz – The new cutoff in physics is now “5”; 30% of their students come in with Mechanics at 5; there was a large jump of 5s on the exam scores. R Prior – The University of North Georgia gave Calculus credit for a 3. R Bhatt: This is an institutional decision. Nikolaos Kidonakis: May institutions require AP students to take mathematics or physics tests for the school to accept the AP credit? R Bhatt: If the institutional resources are available it’s OK. R Prior: 640 SAT allowed for admission into calculus and some with AP credit do not have the 640 level. R Bhatt: Conflicting policy corrections are being worked on.
- c. Michael Schatz: Concerns about funding with MOWR/dual enrollment. Was it possible for HOPE funds to pay some of the costs? R Bhatt - Students do not pay at all for MOWR; using HOPE would make sense only if they had to pay. The Legislature consolidated numerous programs, some were fully funded others were not, so all of them are MOWR and all of them are fully paid including books. Mark Pergrem– MOWR does not pay over \$25 per credit hour for textbooks; school are being pushed into open resources. Are there many that work? (addressed to group) To USG – what is data on technical college transfer? R Bhatt: Technical college system mostly transfer math and

English. The general pattern is that the first subsequent class has higher dropout rates but those who stay do better than average (lots of data on English and math). Only one student took PHYS 1111 and transferred to 1112 so no statistically significant information for physics. Grants are being made from the USG to make open access textbooks; biology at UGA is currently working on a free text. M Pergrem: Open source texts are mandated at Georgia Highlands. Kimberley Shaw: Columbus State has gone to OpenStax textbooks. Emma Cooley – Dalton State is also encouraged to open source, now using old editions so texts can be cheaper.

3. Elect Chair Elect for 2016-17

- a. Shawn Seat will be chair-elect for next year – we have a 3 tier system. S Seat is in Group 3 so a chair-elect must be selected from Group 2 to maintain the cycle.
- b. S Seat – Darton is in 2 and Albany State is in 3, so when combined where does it fit? ABAC is under SACSCOC recertification and AS degrees in a discipline were deprecated because they are not considered “programs” at all.
- c. South Georgia State College (Charles Johnson) volunteers to be 2016-17 chair-elect. Move to elect by R Prior; seconded K Shaw (Columbus St) – vote was unanimous

4. Email and attachment from Heather Collins concerning mathematics substitution

- a. Motion to accept the changes by Brian Toms (Ga State), seconded by Richard Prior (second)
 - b. Accepted unanimously
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Motion to adjourn – Shaw –adjourned @ 2:52 pm