

RACAL Meeting Minutes

Spring Meeting

April 4, 2019

Georgia Southern SU Armstrong-Savannah Center

Members Present:

Carol Adams (Chair/UNG); Kevin Cantwell (Recorder/Middle Georgia SU); Mike Augustine (GCSU); Stephen Balfour (UGA); Roz Barnes Fowler (USG); David Barron (Augusta SU); Ric Calhoun (Gordon SC); Valerie Calhoun (Gordon SC); Heather Collins (USG); Ameena Clark (Columbus SU); Mark Eister (Georgia SU); Danny Gourley (University WG); Elizabeth Hutchins (Dalton SC); David Jenks (University WG); Karen Jones (E Georgia SC); Jennifer Jordan (University WG); Thomas Koballa (G Southern SU); Sarah Kuck (Albany SU/eCampus); Dee Lindsey (Middle Georgia SU); Connie Little (Gordon SC); Susan Lovell (CSU); Georgia Matthews (E Georgia SC); Nathan Metzner (VSU); Brett Miles (USG); Stephane Raulerson (Chair-elect/Albany SU); Kokila Ravi (Atlanta Metropolitan SC); Lisa Shaw (Columbus SU); Mark Smith (Albany SU); Kara Svonavec (Middle Georgia SU); Darrin Theriault (KSU); Christopher Waugh (VSU); Maria Wilson (G Highlands).

Carol Adams called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Carol welcomed the group and thanked those who helped set up the meeting, the first phase of the Adult Learner Symposium. She noted the importance of determining the exact list of institutional representatives and helping her, the Recorder, and Stephane Raulerson continue to correct the list.

Kevin Cantwell (Recorder) presented the minutes from the September 11, 2018, meeting at Kennesaw State University. A motion to approve was made; a second was made, and by a unanimous vote **Minutes were approved** with one correction of a name. Motion carried.

Carol Adams, Danny Gourley, and Kevin Cantwell reviewed changes to the MOU and the new USG policies that addressed Academic Credit Earned Through Extra-Institutional Prior Learning (3.3.6); that addressed Course Credit Earned from Military Experience (3.3.6.1); and that addressed Course Credits for Standardized Examinations (3.3.6.2). Kevin Cantwell reviewed changes to the MOU with a clarification/correction of the three appendices: A – ALC Working Principles and Agreements; B – Ten Standards for Assessing Learning; and the newly added C – Policies Approved by the BOR AY19.

Discussion ensued regarding numbers 3 and 4 of Appendix A Working Principle, with focus on phrasing “all available” in each and the wording at the end of each: “Awarded courses and credits within each major are allocated at the discretion of the accepting institutions’ department.”

Phrasing that would clarify, in conditional language at the beginning of 3 and 4 above was discussed. Group agreed to let Recorder clarify language and submit to List by COB April 8, 2019.

Group discussed a short window for institutional approval deadline with a response from all institutions as to whether it could sign the revised MOU by April 30, 2019.

Morning Break

After break Roz Barnes Fowler (USG) noted that it was an exciting time to be part of higher education. She discussed Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) and asked which schools were members; the cost of membership; and what we might want from CAEL; suggested convening group during the summer to explore how CAEL might provide a workshop for member schools.

Heather Collins (USG) discussed how to apply PLA and the success of students who had PLA credit applied.

Lunch

The group discussed the **Fall 2019 RACAL meeting date and location** and determined that it would be September 10, 2019, at the University of West Georgia.

The group discussed the **Spring 2020 RACAL meeting and symposium date and location** and determined that it would be March 19-20, 2020, at the University of North Georgia-Dolonega.

Election of Officers: Carol clarified that officers will have one more year of their two year terms (Carol Adams, Chair, and Kevin Cantwell, Recorder; Stephane Raulerson will take over as chair in Fall 2020 and a Recorder will have to be elected at the Spring 2020 meeting.

Roz Fowler Barnes (USG) talked about grant writing as a way to raise the profile of RACAL.

By acclamation, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Cantwell, Recorder