

Regents Academic Advisory Committee
Family and Consumer Sciences
Minutes
October 24, 2003

The Regents Academic Advisory Committee on Family and Consumer Sciences met on October 24, 2003, in the Hollis Building room 1121, at Georgia Southern University. Dr. Diana Cone conducted the meeting. Representatives from the following institutions included: Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College – Mrs. Darby Sewell, Fort Valley State University – Dr. Linda Johnson, Georgia Southern University: Dr. Diana Cone and Dr. Virginia Richards, The University of Georgia – Dr. Sharon Nickols and Dr. Jan Hathcote. Dr. Judy Monsaas, Georgia Board of Regents liaison, could not attend. The meeting convened at 10:00 A.M. The institution representatives were welcomed by Dr. Fred Whitt, Dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences, Georgia Southern University.

Dr. Diana Cone discussed highlights from the University System of Georgia Executive Committee Meeting that was held at Macon State College on October 2, 2003. She reviewed the names and contact information of members of the Regents Academic Advisory Committee on Family and Consumer Sciences that are posted on the Board of Regents' website. Sharon Nickols discussed concern over losing input from the junior colleges on channeling students into Family and Consumer Sciences majors at the four-year universities. It was suggested that Darby Sewell contact other junior colleges and encourage their input on possible students. Mrs. Sewell will also contact Dr. Monsaas for her input.

The FY 2004 Academic Affairs priorities were discussed.

- All Family and Consumer Sciences representatives expressed concern over the development of item number 13: "Develop and pilot the Multi-Institutional Functionality (MIF) project." Representatives were concerned about how this project would be implemented at the various institutions.
- Item number 2: "Develop a general workload policy for faculty" was also discussed in detail and information was relayed from the conversation that was held about this item at the BOR meeting in Macon.

Representatives from each institution updated the group concerning events or news from their respective campuses.

- Dr. Johnson discussed increased enrollment and growth of programs at FVSU. They have hired a recruiter and hope to see a continued increase in numbers. They are also coordinating academic collaborations with Florida State University and The University of Georgia.

- Dr. Nickols reported that The University of Georgia's College of Family and Consumer Sciences now has the 4th largest undergraduate enrollment at UGA.
- Dr. Richards discussed concern over the Family and Consumer Sciences Education program being considered a low-enrollment program at Georgia Southern University. The program is up for review this year and currently has approximately 10 students.
 - Dr. Nickols suggested that institutions work together to document students enrolled in FACS Education. There are currently 41 Family and Consumer Sciences Education majors UGA, and 10 at FVSU. Suggestions were also made to work with high schools and the Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers Association for potential recruits.
 - Family and Consumer Sciences Education should be a cost effective program and not a financial burden since the students are enrolled in courses with other majors.
 - Dr. Richards also discussed working on collaborating with UGA to ensure that GSU Family and Consumer Sciences Education students receive adequate courses in the area of housing and consumer economics.

The major priority set by the Board of Regents was to discuss and review the Area F compliance among the institutions. Attention was given to course transfers between institutions, especially courses transferring from ABAC to the other institutions: FVSU, GSU, and UGA. Each school shared current degree requirement sheets. Suggestions were made to Mrs. Sewell to ease transitions of courses from ABAC to the other schools. The institutions also discussed the different foreign language requirements at the institutions. Interior Design continues to be a high demand major at GSU and UGA:

- Georgia Southern currently accepts 18 Interior Design students per year
- UGA currently accepts 50 Furnishings and Interiors students per year

Linda Johnson accepted the position of secretary and chair-elect for this committee for the academic year 2003-2004.

The committee broke for lunch in the Hotel and Restaurant Management Restaurant.

Respectfully submitted,

Darby Sewell, Secretary
Family and Consumer Sciences