

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

Academic Advisory Council on Geological Sciences and Geography

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ITEMS DISCUSSED

Update on committee activity since April 1996

Status of Area F requirements

Development of Executive Committee Structure

Discussion of method for rapid communication among committee members

After breaking into discipline groups, each group discussed:

 Common course numbering, titles, descriptions, sequencing and prerequisites

 Fine tuning Area F requirements

 Development of program outcomes for Area F

 Plans for future discipline activities, cutting edge issues in
 the disciplines

 Standardized tests and CLEP Tests

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sam Swanson, Geology, University of Georgia

George Brook, Geography, University of Georgia (Chair Elect)

David Vanko, Geology, Georgia State University

Borden Dent, Geography, Georgia State University

James H. Darrell, Geology, Georgia Southern University

Drew Hyatt, Geography, Valdosta State University

Peter Jacobs, Geography, Valdosta State University

John Pratte, Clayton College and State University

Tom Hanley, Geology, Columbus State University

Bob Hartig, Geography, Ft. Valley State University

Harry Trendell, Geography, Kennesaw State University

Johnny Waters, Geology, West Georgia College

Tom Deaton, Geography, Dalton College

Pamela Gore, Geology, DeKalb College (Chair)

John Anderson, Geology, DeKalb College

William Morris, Geology, Floyd College

Lewis Rogers, Geology, Gainesville College

Minutes of the Meeting

Pamela Gore called the meeting to order and welcomed the participants to DeKalb College. Greetings were extended by Dr. Grace Cascio-Houston, Academic Dean, DeKalb College, Central Campus, and by Dr. Thomas Anderson, Interim Provost, DeKalb College Central Campus. Francine King, Department Chair, Social Sciences, DeKalb College, mentioned that she would like to get in contact with geographers (or geography graduate students) who were interested in teaching part-time at DeKalb College.

Pamela Gore updated committee members on the recommendations which came out of the April 26, 1996 meeting in Albany, GA.

A memo from Martha Nesbitt, Chair, Council on General Education, dated May 28, 1996 regarding common course numbering and requesting common course descriptions was discussed.

Communications from Jim Whitney of the University of Georgia Geology Department were discussed regarding course numbering and core curriculum issues were discussed (e-mail dated June 21 and Nov. 4, 1996).

Needed revisions to the core curriculum in Geography were discussed (relating to communications from Borden Dent, GSU and Kathy Parker, UGA (faxes dated Sept. 18 and 20, 1996).

A new major in Environmental Geography at Valdosta State University was announced (e-mail from Dennis Marks, Chair, Valdosta dated October 9. Area F revisions concerning that program were discussed.

Executive Committees were developed for Geography and Geology.

Geology Executive Committee

Pamela Gore, DeKalb - Chair
Sam Swanson, UGA
Dave Vanko, GSU
Johnny Waters, W. GA

Geography Executive Committee

George Brook, UGA -Chair
Borden Dent, GSU
Drew Hyatt, Valdosta
Tom Deaton, Dalton

The need for rapid communication was discussed. John Pratte of Clayton College and State University volunteered to set up a listserv for the committee. This has now been established.

To join the listserv, members need only send the following message to usggeol-request@mirkwood.csc.peachnet.edu

subscribe usggeol

To send messages to the listserv, people need only send the message to

usggeol@mirkwood.csc.peachnet.edu

If people have a problem, they should send messages to John Pratte at either pratte@gg.csc.peachnet.edu or owner-usggeol@mirkwood.csc.peachnet.edu

Appreciation is extended to John Pratte for setting up the listserv for our committee.

The next meeting of this committee is planned in association with the Georgia Academy of Sciences Meeting, which will be held in Carrollton, GA April 25-26, 1997. Abstracts will be due January 17, 1997 for those wishing to make a presentation at the GAS meeting. Thanks to Jim Darrell, GA Southern, Technical Program Coordinator for the GAS meeting for supplying the details.

Course numbering and titles, etc.

Geology course numbering, titles, descriptions, sequencing and prerequisites were agreed upon at the meeting.

Geography course numbering, titles, descriptions, sequencing and prerequisites were discussed, tentatively agreed upon, and revised after the meeting by the Geography Executive Committee. Common course numbers and titles were faxed by George Brook to Academic Advisory Committee Chair Pamela Gore on November 19, 1996. Course descriptions were faxed by Kathy Parker (acting for George Brook while he is out of the country) on November 21, 1996.

Area F requirements

No changes were proposed for Area F requirements in Geology.

Area F requirements were discussed at length by the Geography discipline committee at the meeting. Geography Executive Committee Chair, George Brook, took notes and was to send a copy of the agreed upon courses to the Academic Advisory Committee Chair, Pamela Gore, to be forwarded for Regents approval. The Area F requirements for Geography were faxed by

George Brook on November 19, 1996. They are listed below.

Area F outcomes

Outcomes for Geological Sciences were written at the meeting, and are attached.

Subcommittees were assigned to write final versions of the Area F outcomes for Geography, as follows:

B.S. In Geography - Peter Jacobs and Drew Hyatt (Valdosta), to be coordinated with Kathy Parker (acting for George Brook) at UGA. Received by e-mail from Peter Jacobs November 20, 1996.

B. A. in Geography - Borden Dent, to be coordinated with Kathy Parker (acting for George Brook) at UGA. Received by fax from Borden Dent on November 18, 1996.

Both were posted on listserv for comments on November 26, 1996 by Pamela Gore.

Note: Calculus is required in Area F for Geology and for the B.S. in Geography. We recommend that the Council on General Education add Geology and Geography (B.S. degree) to the list of majors requiring Precalculus in Area A.
