

Regents Advisory Council on Effectiveness and Accreditation

Executive Committee

5/12/2022

Location: Virtual / Teams

Attending: Michael Black, Jesse Bishop, Allan Aycock, Sabrina Thompson, Mary McLaughlin, Tim Howard, Loraine Philips, Bryan Davis, Delena Gatch, Betsy Cantrell, Mickey Williford, Jim Lynch, Tom Lilly

Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Meeting schedule for the coming year – Tim Howard
3. Minutes from April 14, 2022 - Mickey Williford
4. Treasurer's Report – Michael Black
5. Review of executive committee operations and bylaws
6. Committee Updates
 - Accreditation Intelligence Committee – Betsy Cantrell
 - Board Initiatives Committee – Allan Aycock and Jim Lynch
 - eCore – Bryan Davis
 - Gen Ed Council – Jesse Bishop
 - Program Review Committee – Delena Gatch and Mary McLaughlin
7. USG Goes Global MOU update- institutional obligations, including assessment
8. Learning outcomes assessments in consortium programs
9. Annual Meeting debriefing
10. Other items from the committee

Motions

Motion to approve minutes as presented. Motion passes.

Notes

Welcome and Introductions

Executive committee members introduced themselves. Tim Howard welcomed the new executive committee members and referred new members to the bylaws to orient themselves to the roles of the Executive Committee. Allan Aycock added that the Executive Committee plans RACEA's two bi-annual meetings and works with the system office to secure resources system institutions need.

Meeting schedule for the coming year – Tim Howard

The Executive Committee agreed to continue with its regular meeting schedule on the second Thursday of each month.

Minutes from April 14, 2022 - Mickey Williford

Mickey Williford asked participants at the 4/14/2022 meeting for changes and revisions.

Treasurer's Report

Michael Black reported on the RACEA budget. Michael indicated that the remaining funds could be dedicated to waiving participant fees for RACEA's fall meeting.

Review of executive committee operations and bylaws

Tim Howard reviewed the RACEA bylaws and executive committee policies and operational procedures.

Committee Updates

Accreditation Intelligence Committee

Betsy Cantrell summarized the Committee's work. She expressed confidence about the committee's work and asked for guidance on where to store the Committee's work and products. She advocated for a centralized repository for the accreditation model narratives. Bryan Davis proposed to Sabrina Thompson that they be stored on the system website and asked how difficult that would be for the system to arrange. Sabrina indicated she would communicate with the system's IT designer to assess difficulty. Mickey Williford asked about security. Betsy explained that in some instances institutional identifiers have been removed. Mickey clarified that storage needs to account for changes over time, as new narratives for new accreditation cycles get stored there. Mickey proposed that Sharepoint or Teams be used to develop the infrastructure for storage of this and like committee materials. Tom Lilly endorsed Mickey's proposal and offered to help in an effort to develop that for RACEA. Allan Aycock also proposed using the system's existing Xitracs model. Mary McLaughlin indicated either platform would be satisfactory and further endorsed Teams or Sharepoint. Mickey proposed that she, Lorraine Philips, and Tom Lilly work together to design and develop a suitable repository for the committee. Sabrina Thompson indicated that Barbara Brown is the best system contact for facilitating this endeavor.

Board Initiatives Committee

Allan Aycock indicated there was no movement since the annual meeting. The committee will continue to review system MOUs. Allan asked Sabrina Thompson if she knew if the MOUs between institutions will be returned to the institutions soon. Sabrina indicated all MOUs should be signed by 7/1.

eCore

Bryan Davis summarized the work of the eCore committee.

Program Review Committee

Delana Gatch and Mary McLaughlin indicated that the work of the committee is mirroring the system's increased focus and interest on program review, especially pertaining to low-performing programs and forecasting for effectiveness and curricular efficiency.

USG Goes Global MOU update- institutional obligations, including assessment

The committee agreed to continue reviewing MOUs pertaining to the USG Goes Global initiative and other USG relationships and arrangements relevant to accreditation, curriculum, and institutional effectiveness.

Annual Meeting debriefing

The committee agreed that the annual meeting was successful and engaging. Tim Howard indicated that RACEA's fall meeting is likely to be held in Macon. Mickey Williford added that the intended, traditional face-to-face structure of the fall meeting is to be a one-day debrief.