

Regents Advisory Council on Effectiveness and Accreditation
Executive Committee
8/11/2022

Location: Virtual / Teams

Attending: Tom Lilly, Bryan Davis, Tim Howard, Jim Lynch, Mary McLaughlin, Barbara Brown, Delena Bell Gatch, Jesse Bishop, Allan Aycock, Loraine Phillips, Mickey Williford, Michael Black, Sabrina Thompson

Agenda

1. Minutes from May 12 and July 14 meetings – *Tom Lilly*
2. Treasurer's Report – *Michael Black*
3. Updates from the USO – Barbara Brown and Sabrina Thompson
4. Committee Updates
 - Accreditation Intelligence Committee – *Betsy Cantrell*
No updates to report. If we've made progress with SharePoint and can post our accreditation narratives, just let me know.
 - Board Initiatives Committee – *Allan Aycock and Jim Lynch*
 - eCore – *Bryan Davis*
 - Gen Ed Council – *Jesse Bishop*
 - Program Review Committee – *Delena Gatch and Mary McLaughlin*
5. Fall meeting plans – Tim Howard
 - M. Black submitted the reservation request to Middle Georgia SU Conference Center on 08/01/22 for 10/27/22. No response as of 08/08/22.
 - Dr. Monga is confirmed for 10-11am on 10/27/22.
 - Draft schedule attached for discussion
6. Other items from the committee

Motions

Motion to approve minutes of May 12, 2022 RACEA Executive Committee meeting (Lilly).
Motion passes unanimously.
Motion to approve minutes of July 14, 2022 RACEA Executive Committee meeting (Lilly).
Motion passes unanimously.

Notes

Minutes

Tom Lilly explained the delay in approving the May 12 minutes and offered motions to approve the May and July minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Michael Black indicated that the RACEA balance is the same as it was last month 8141.3.

Updates from the University System

Barbara Brown addressed a topic from the July meeting of General Education redesign. At the moment, Barbara indicated that there is no indication of action at this time, and if a redesign is forthcoming, it is unlikely to be as ambitious as under Dr. Tristan Denley's proposed changes in 2018.

Members of the committee inquired about Gen Ed changes at their institutions: whether, and the extent to which, removal of courses from GE areas entails USG Gen Ed Council review and approval; how to move courses from their general catalog to eCore; and whether there is alignment and continuity of eCore GE offerings and catalog offerings at specific institutions. An illustration of this is the eCore eTEC1101 for Area B, which has not been approved by the GenEd Council but exists in the eCore catalog and, because of that, could imply institutions can offer it for Area B credit.

Bryan Davis commented that these discontinuities indicate communications issues between several RACs and institutions where these updates, changes, and requirements are operationalized. Loraine Phillips proposed that the Gen Ed Council author a white paper to document and consider what are issues in the current General Education model. Barbara indicated that the system is waiting on Executive Vice-Chancellor Ashwani Monga's movement in this direction and offered instead that incremental and small-scale changes might be more suitable and actionable in the near term. Barbara indicated she would be happy to circulate the original/2019 Vice Chancellor white paper information that advocated for the original proposal for what Barbara named "seismic" general education curriculum change.

Tim indicated he would need to step away at 10:00am. Mary McLaughlin volunteered to conduct the remainder of the meeting after Tim's departure. Tim then moved the Fall meeting update to this point in the meeting.

Fall Meeting Plans

Tim summarized the circulated addendum for the 10/27 fall meeting. The committee offered revisions to the meeting schedule particularly in the morning: add a breakfast and greet from 8:30 – 9:30; starting of meeting at 9:30; shortening of the introductions/council work and structure from 9:45-10. Tim asked for a handout of committee descriptions and charges. Tom Lilly volunteered to gather and put together a handout on council committee charges and activities. All committee chairs should send information on their committees (charge, description, bullet list of recent activities) to Tom by 9/8. He will put forward to the Executive Committee for their review and approval.

Committee Updates

Accreditation Intelligence

No updates to report. If we've made progress with SharePoint and can post our accreditation narratives. Tom indicated that he, Loraine, Mickey, and Barbara are moving to convene to discuss and develop the site with an objective of finishing/publishing by our Fall meeting. Tom requested availability over the next 10 days-14 days.

Board Initiatives

Allan Aycock indicated the committee wishes to develop a survey on institutional responses to CPR and board initiative on low performing programs and deactivated programs. Jim Lynch and Allan have developed a survey and asked the Executive Committee if a survey would be useful. Tom and Mary encouraged distribution of this survey. Allan asked how to craft a survey like this.

Allan also indicated he wanted to follow up on Georgia Film Consortium courses and their coinciding assessment practices. He asked Bryan Davis if he should work with the GFC or the system. Bryan indicated Georgia Southern has already entered into a relationship to gather that information. Bryan suggested Allan work through the group at UGA that oversees this.

Allan concluded by announcing the Georgia Degrees Pay initiative of the USG which is now online at <https://www.usg.edu/georgia-degrees-pay>.

eCore

No update to report. eCore RAC meets later in the month.

Gen ed Council

Jesse Bishop indicated that the Gen Ed Council had a robust conversation on context for potential future directions for changing the GE curriculum. The council talked about eCore transferability, broader transferability of courses. The Council wishes to write a letter for Dr. Monga and the system to describe the history and context of General Education Jesse offered to transcribe his notes going forward and share them with the Executive Committee meeting going forward.

Program Review

Delena Gatch indicated that if RACEA does a broader survey out, that she believes that such a survey should include in that survey questions of low-performing program removal and other aspects of institutional redesign/structure. Barbara Brown took this moment to summarize system retirements and temporary/interim replacements/shifts in task, role, and scope of responsibility.

Other items for the Committee

Strategic Realignment of Resources

Michael Black indicated that Elaine Harper is distributing a spreadsheet to capture the number of people in each institution's office. He distributed a link to that spreadsheet in the chat, available here:

<https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fspreadsheets%2Fd%2F16PesTlan6bLMwesAZJBZdnYm2kMtrn7j%2Fedit%3Fusp%3Dsharing%26ouid%3D116780088171401424223%26rtpof%3Dtrue%26sd%3Dtrue&data=05%7C01%7Cmblack%40VALDOSTA.EDU%7Cef6321feb9c4ea2aa0808da7ad99549%7C25a5d3408abc4053b4bdc1213280353%7C0%7C1%7C637957372183899062%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=WZ%2F%2FzhDfuB9x6bVIFvZ8WVskv0MRLrw1BQ2TL4qG98k%3D&reserved=0>

Transfer credit from non regionally-accredited institutions

Michael Black asked about transfer credits from institutions that may not be regionally accredited but have Council for Higher Education (CHIA) accreditation. Michael indicated they evaluate transfer credit on a case-by-case basis. Mary McLaughlin offered the message she carries for these instances, that faculty need to make this decision as a program integrity and transfer credit viability perspective.

Menu for Fall Meeting

Michael Black took requests/suggestions for food service at the fall meeting.

Request to Change Executive Committee meeting date/time

Delena Gatch asked to move the Executive Committee meeting to another Thursday to accommodate her increased curriculum review responsibilities. Delena will send out a question/request to gather availability.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07am.