

Physical Education, Health Education, and Recreation RAC meeting
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The meeting was called to order by chair, Paula Edney who also issued a welcome to those present.

Paula also commented that the committee had not been very active in the past and hoped being better informed would help change that. She also reported that she attended the orientation for RAC chairs this past Fall and that she now has a better idea of the committee's functions.

The first item of business was hearing from USG representative, Ginger Durham, who was asked to inform us of the committees' responsibilities. Ginger informed us that there is a page on the USG website where we can find information about all RACs, including the list of representatives, their email addresses and institution affiliation. It was acknowledged that corrections are needed but institutions don't always respond when information is requested. The VPAA of each institution has the responsibility of appointing RAC representatives. Paula said she would contact the institutions from which there has been no response and report back. Ginger provided very helpful information to us including the fact that we can possibly have influence on BOR decisions as we are an advisory committee for them.

The committee also discussed concerns about the difficulty in hiring faculty because of low salary offers. She asked if decisions made at different institutions regarding salaries and raises all used the same data. The consensus was that sometimes data isn't used in the decision making and decisions regarding salaries varies from institution to institution. The committee generally recognized that the state of Georgia/USG is on the low end of salaries from a national standpoint.

The final item of business was a resolution submitted by Paula that proposed a Physical Education requirement for graduation at all USG institutions. The following comments and suggestions were made:

- Look at BOR policy first
- The RAC should present a united voice
- Data to support this request is needed. This was highly emphasized.
- Can it help Complete College Georgia?
- There are Complete College Georgia incubator grants available that could perhaps be used to gather data
- After a resolution is written and agreed upon , each RAC representative should seek support from legislators
- The resolution should use recommendations for activity that are already published by reputable organizations, i.e. Surgeon General's office.
- Once there is a draft of the resolution that the committee agrees on, we should get input from Linda Noble, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.
- Paula, asked for assistance with gathering usable data for the resolution and volunteered to continue working on it with the help of others on the committee

A new item of discussion was brought forward by ?????, EDTPA. The point was made that this evaluation instrument was originated by a business with no input from academia at all. In addition, it

was adopted without being “piloted” and without input from the academic entities that would be using it. Many comments were made that it places additional financial burden on our students and requires time and money from institutions who have excellent certification standards, with checks and balances, already in place. A suggestion was made that our RAC should put together something in writing asking the BOR to stand against the use of EDTPA for the USG.

Finally, those present at the meeting agreed that future RAC meeting should be in conjunction with the GAHPERD Conference each year. The next GAHPERD meeting will be in Marietta, Oct. 25-27. Details will follow.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Edney
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