## Minutes USG RAC Sociology Meeting Nov. 6, 2020 10:00 AM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom <a href="https://highlands.zoom.us/j/">https://highlands.zoom.us/j/</a>

## Meeting began at 10:05am.

- Welcome and introductions all around
  - See roster of attendees listed below
- Revisitation of Credit by Examination recommendations
  - o CLEP (College Level Examination Program)
    - Motion made and seconded. Committee voted unanimously for the following: RAC recommends continuing to follow the current score recommendation of 50
  - AP and DSST
    - not applicable for sociology
- Review of math pathways for sociology majors
  - o Discussion of what is the most appropriate math pathway for sociology majors?
    - USG institutions may not require students to take a particular course from among MATH 1001, MATH 1101, and MATH 1111 (or MATH/STAT 1401) as long as they are not STEM majors.
    - However, students in non-STEM majors should be ADVISED to take the math course most appropriate for their intended majors.
  - Although RAC members agreed that the new "fifth pathway" option of MATH/STAT 1401 and a second discipline-specific statistics course seemed to be the most appropriate math sequence for sociology students, RAC members expressed concerns about difficulties related to how this change would be implemented at each institution. Currently, not all member institutions offer MATH/STAT 1401. For institutions already offering the course as the recommended Area D math, concerns were raised about whether a learning support option for MATH/STAT 1401 would be available for students if the course was moved to Area A. Finally, many representatives expressed concerns about what would serve as the second statistics course in the sequence given that they do not currently offer a sociology-specific statistics course as part of their curriculum and may need to rely on course offerings from adjacent disciplines to meet the need, which could create further challenges.
- Election of Chair-Elect for 2020-21 term
  - o 2020-21 Chair-Elect: Amy D'Unger, Georgia Tech
    - Will move to Chair for 2021-22 term
  - o 2019-20 Chair: Christina Wolfe, Georgia Highlands College
    - Moves to Immediate Past Chair after meeting
  - o 2019-20 Chair Elect: James Wright, Dalton State College

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- o 2019-20 Immediate Past Chair: Pamela Pitman Brown, Albany State University
  - Cycling off RAC
- No additional business
- Meeting adjourned at 10:37am
- Next meeting will be at the annual meeting of the Georgia Sociological Association, Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021, at Lake Lanier Lodge.

## Meeting Attendance Roster

Institution	Representative	Present/Absent
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	Jewell Rivers	Present
Albany State University	Pamela Brown, Immediate Past-Chair	Present
Atlanta Metropolitan State College	Michelle Geisert	Absent
Augusta University	William Hatcher	Absent
Clayton State University	Lisa Holland-Davis	Present
College of Coastal Georgia	Roscoe Scarborough	Present
Columbus State University	Cameron Williams	Present
Dalton State College	James Wright, Chair-Elect	Present
East Georgia State College	Harry Vogel	Absent
Fort Valley State University	Komanduri Murty	Absent
Georgia College & State University	Stephanie McClure	Excused due to prior meeting
Georgia Gwinnett College	George Baird	Absent
Georgia Highlands College	Christina Wolfe, CHAIR	Present
Georgia Institute of Technology	Amy D'Unger	Present
Georgia Southern University	Ted Brimeyer	Absent
Georgia Southwestern State University	Jamie MacLennan	Absent
Georgia State University - Atlanta Campus	Eric Wright	Present
Georgia State University - Perimeter Campus	Romney Norwood	Present
Gordon State College	Christie Flatt	Absent
Kennesaw State University	Dawn Baunach	Present
Middle Georgia State University	Rebecca Nees	Present
Savannah State University	Stephanie Alexander	Absent

South Georgia State College	Carl Ide	Absent
University of Georgia	Jim Coverdill	Absent
University of North Georgia	Toralf Zschau	Present
University of West Georgia	Pam Hunt Kirk	Excused due to prior meeting
Valdosta State University	Fred Knowles	Absent