eCore RAC Meeting
Minutes
May 13, 2016
Middle Georgia State University

Attendees

Bryan Davis, Georgia Southwestern State
Richard Baskin, Gordon State College
Bob Boehmer, East Georgia State College
Barbara Brown, USG
Danielle Buehrer, ABAC
Melanie Clay, eCampus
Carol Cohen, Georgia State University
Houston Davis, USG
Kevin Demmitt, Clayton State University
Delana Gajdosik-Nivens, Armstrong State
Myrna Gantner, University of West Georgia
Brent Griffin, Georgia Highlands College
Jason Huett, eCampus

Renita Luck, Darton State College
Patrice Nyatuame, Savannah State University
Kokila Ravi, Atlanta Metropolitan
Art Recesso, Middle Georgia State University
Rick Reiman, South Georgia State College
Ellen Roberts, Columbus State University
Mike Rogers, University of North Georgia
Anthony Scheffler, Valdosta State University
Jon Sizemore, USG
La'Quata Sumter, Albany State University
Frank Williams, Savannah State University
Irene Kokkala, University of North Georgia
Elke Leeds, Kennesaw State University
Andy Meyer, Dalton State College

The Spring meeting of the Regents Advisory Committee on eCore was convened at 10:00am, May 13, 2016 by Committee Chair, Dr. Kevin Demmitt.

Enrollment Update by Dr. Melanie Clay:

eCore enrollment increases were contributed to Dual Enrollment and MOWR, with the most successful session in terms of ABC and retention rates being short session I courses. Now that most USG institutions are affiliates and eCore expansion has been implemented, enrollment growth will eventually plateau. Locating qualified faculty is a priority to accommodate recent growth. The need for analytics and learning outcomes was discussed. There is currently no tool in D2L and all reports must be pulled manually; therefore, eCore plans to hire someone to do this and work with institutions to determine areas of need. Cross comparison of ABC rates at affiliate institutions will be considered.

Move On When Ready (MOWR) Update by Dr. Jason Huett:

Randy Blackmon and Karen Lingrell are working on this initiative statewide. MOWR students are some of our best with an ABC success rate at 91%, so we need to actively recruit them and make high school counselors aware that we only provide a final letter grade and that each high school determines how to factor that into GPAs for high school class rankings. A major advantage of dual enrollment is the 91%

success rate as opposed to the 54% success rate in AP testing (for college credit), and parents need to be involved and aware of the advantages. With this new initiative and the new SAT grading scale that might impact enrollment, eCore needs to stay flexible and deal with issues as they arise.

Student Evaluation of Instruction to Department Chairs

Discussion and debate revolved around whether or not Department Chairs should have access to eCore student evaluations of instruction. After a failed countermotion by Dr. Rogers to table the entire discussion, a motion, started by Dr. Leeds and seconded by Dr. Baskin, passed for this topic to be addressed at the RACAA (Regents Administrative Committee on Academic Affairs) for final recommendation on sharing eCore evaluations with chairs, so Dr. Demmitt will share with RACAA.

Election of Officers and Review of By-Laws by Dr. Kevin Demmitt –
1. Made by Dr. Demmitt and seconded by Dr. Leeds, the motion that the RAC chair (required VPAA-level position) be a one-year term and that the member at large (any-level position) serve a three-year term passed.
2. Dr. Baskin made a motion to officially amend bylaws to reflect changes and clarify the assumed notion that the chair-elect will become chair, and Dr. Leeds seconded before the motion was carried. Andy Meyer will become chair Fall 2016.
3. Dr. Leeds made a motion to elect Kevin Demmitt as first member at large who will also serve as Gen Ed representative. Dr. Gantner seconded, and the motion unanimously carried.
4. Dr. Baskin made a motion to change the language at the bottom of page one in the bylaws to include election of chair and chair-elect every spring and member at large every 2 years in the spring. Dr. Leeds seconded, and the motion carried.
5. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Richard Baskin for the new role of chair-elect. The motion carried unanimously, and Dr. Baskin agreed to serve as chair-elect beginning as soon as bylaws are officially amended.

Tentative Next Meeting Dates:
November 4, 2016
April 7, 2017

Highlights of USG Perspective of eCore by Dr. Houston Davis –
Houston Davis addressed the USG commitment to support all students with access to affordable courses and programs, identifying six priority areas:
1. *Enterprise support of Critical Distance Education Systems*
2. *Infrastructure for Competency Based Education (CBE)*
3. *Affordable Tuition*
4. *Open Educational Resources and Affordable Learning Georgia*
5. *Stackable Credentials for High Demand Associate and Bachelors Degrees*

6.   Faculty Professional Development

Dr. Davis spoke to the role of eCore in addressing these six "must" statements. The availability of eCore courses can be critically important to student retention and success.

eCore and the General Education Core Curriculum by Dr. Bob Boehmer:

Dr. Boehmer stated that Gen Ed would make a recommendation if an institution needs to exclude a course, and Dr. Davis will review it to make the final decision whether or not the reason is valid and approve justified exemptions. Each institution needs to decide and document which core areas each eCore course fits into and those institution equivalencies will be posted to the eCore website.

Dr. Boehmer's hand-out outlined a process whereby a new course would be developed (or outlined) by eCore and then sent to the General Ed Council and relevant subject RAC for feedback (if needed) and approval. Courses not currently offered with the same course number (or perhaps clear equivalent) would need to go through approval at each institution. Also, the issue of what constitutes a grandfathered eCore course will be addressed at the next Gen Ed Council meeting and in conversation with BOR leadership.

The approval process for any changes to course outcomes for eCore courses currently requires approval of the eCore RAC and the General Education Council. Dr. Demmitt will compile any additional information or requested feedback and forward to Dr. Boehmer for the Gen Ed Council.

There was no new business, so Dr. Demmitt turned the group over to new RAC Chair, Dr. Andy Meyer.

Dr. Leeds made a motion to adjourn with numerous seconds, and the meeting was adjourned.