

eCore Regents Advisory Committee

Spring 2021 Virtual Meeting

May 5, 2021

Attendees:

Dr. Jerry Baker (ABAC), Dr. Ray Whiting (Augusta), Dr. Tau Kadhi (ASU), Dr. Kokila Ravi (ATLM), Dr. Kevin Demmitt (Clayton), Dr. Laura Lynch (CCGA), Dr. Tim Howard (Columbus), Dr. Mary Nielsen (DSC), Dr. Terri Brown (EGA), Dr. Asha Warren (FVSU), Dr. Holley Roberts (GCSU), Dr. Theresa Winterhalter (GGC), Dr. Dana Nichols (GHC), Tom Harnden (GHC), Dr.

Bryan Davis (GSW), Dr. Yakut Gazi (Ga Tech), Dr. Ric Calhoun (Gordon), Dr. Kristina DuRocher (KSU), Amanda Smith (MGA), Dr. Rob Page (SGSC), Dr. Irene Kokkala (UNG), Dr. David Jenks (UWG), Dr. Jon Preston (UWG), Dr. Marsha Dukes (VSU), Jon Sizemore (USG), Myk Garn (USG), Dr. Amy Austin, Dr. Jason Huett, Jessica Blakemore, Wesley Steverson, Dr. Sarah Kuck, Dr. Melanie Clay, Christy Talley Smith, Julili Fowler, Karen Lingrell, Brett Miles, Dr. Nihal Gunay, Melanie Swisher (eCampus)

AGENDA

12:30 **Sign On to Virtual Meeting:** eCampus staff will be online at 12:30pm to assist with any technical issues or questions related to using the BlueJeans web conferencing platform. Please check-in before the meeting begins.

1:00 **Virtual Meeting Begins**

- Meeting Guidelines and Tech Check--Jessica Blakemore
- Welcome--Dr. Bryan Davis

1:15 **Approval of Old Minutes**--Dr. Bryan Davis

Dr. Davis made a motion to approve Fall 2020 minutes and was passed unanimously.

1:20 **eCore Updates**

- Enrollment and General Update--Dr. Melanie Clay
 - Dr. Clay reported that there has been a steady increase in enrollment.
- Authentic Assessments and Proctored Exams--Dr. Melanie Clay
 - Dr. Clay reiterated the importance of proctored exams for identity verification and academic integrity. As a part of pandemic response, proctored exams were temporarily suspended. Proctored exams have resumed for math and science courses, and will be brought in other courses for Fall 21 semester. As a part of pandemic response, eCore courses prototyped authentic assessments last Spring, and for Fall in lieu of proctored events. eCampus is exploring authentic assessments as an alternative to requiring students to go to a testing site for a proctored experience. Examples of alternative assessments might include having students produce and submit video artifacts on major projects of significance. eCore is gathering data on the effect on student outcomes. A discussion ensued.
 - Partner Institutions provided suggestions on data review; adapting proctoring definitions and guidelines to present conditions for remote delivery;

considerations for student-centered experiences; engagement with faculty on disciplinary/pedagogical decisions; using Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) who work on course development and revision; academic integrity/visual identity verification and Title IV funding considerations.

- o A motion was made regarding changing the language on proctoring requirements to leave it more open-ended. The motion was tabled until the Fall Meeting.
- Salesforce Adoption and Timeline--Jessica Blakemore
 - o Progress report was given on updating the SEADS CRM application with a vendor-supported application, Salesforce Service Cloud.
- DATA 1501 Development Update--Jon Sizemore
 - o Report on System-wide effort to add DATA 1501 as a GenEd course. A RAC has been formed for Data Science . Institutions wishing to add the course to their general education curriculum can work with the GenEd Council to adopt the common course template.
- Professional Development Update--Dr. Amy Austin
 - o Facilitating Adult Online Learning Course designed for USG faculty who will be teaching adult learners in online classes and integrating adult learning principles into teaching methods. Other upcoming course topics include engaging students to thrive online, and using LMS to support classroom instruction.
- eHero Faculty Awards--Christy Talley Smith
 - o Awarded Nov 2020 to eCore and eMajor faculty for recognition in strength and determination. Nominated by eCampus staff. PPT can be reviewed [here](#).

2:00 **USG Update** SACSCOC, Cooperative Academic Arrangements; eCore SLA Language -- **Jon Sizemore**

An overview of institutional commitments to academic oversight in the revised Cooperative Academic Agreement (CAA) MOU was presented. Partner institutions have been polled for feedback on the new agreement. A campus agreement and checklist. for procedural commitments will also be provided for checklist for

2:30 **New Business**

- eCampus Website Changes Update--Dr. Jason Huett/Jessica Blakemore
 - o Factbook has been moved from eCore website to the admin page (ecore.usg.edu/records). The website is being reviewed for consistency with the term of the new CAA MOU. .
- Chem Lab Credit Hour Discussion--Jon Sizemore/Dr. Jason Huett
 - o Students' completion of lab requirements in eCore Chemistry courses and impact on course grades was reviewed. A discussion ensued; further institutional input was requested.
- Initial Conversation about Calculus II--Dr. Jason Huett
 - o Partner Institutions are being surveyed about a proposal for a new course in Calculus II.
- Minor Bylaw Wording Changes and RACEA Rep?--Dr. Jason Huett/Dr. Bryan Davis
 - o Upon discussion a motion was made to extend an invitation to RACEA to appoint a representative to attend future eCore RAC meetings. Motion passed.

- o Proposed changes on the bylaws were shared with the committee and reviewed. Discussion ensued.
- Closing the Loop SACSCOC 8.2.b.-- Dr. Jason Huett, Wesley Steverson & Christy Talley Smith
 - o The member institutions were requested to provide feedback to inform continuous improvement of courses prior to the next revision cycle. Course information and feedback procedures were provided.
- Updates/Feedback/New Business from Affiliate Partners
 - o No updates at this time.
- Call for Nominations/Election for New Gen Ed Council Rep and Chair Elect--Dr. Kevin Demmitt/Dr. Bryan Davis
 - o A brief description of Gen Ed Council Rep duties was provided. A motion was made to call for a new Gen Ed Council Rep vote. Dr. Jenks was nominated and received a unanimous vote for yes.
 - o A motion was made to call for a new chair-elect vote. Dr. Nichols was nominated and received a unanimous vote for yes.
- Passing of the Chair Gavel to Ric Calhoun--Bryan Davis
- Equivalency Chart Review

3:30 **Open Discussion**

4:00 **Adjourn**

A motion to end the meeting was called and approved unanimously.