

Regents Advisory Committee Annual Meeting  
Minutes  
April 20, 2012

Attendees:

Cheryl Barnes, David Bartram, Fonda Carter, Yuna Chen,  
Mark Dawkins, Jeff Gibbs, Victoria Johnson, Bruce Jones,  
Colleen Joyce, Matthew Liao-Troth, Warren Martin, Karen McCarron,  
Richard McGrath, Marci Middleton, Marc Miller, William Mounts,  
Alphonso Ogbuehi, Charles Parsons, Ronny Richardson,  
Michael Rogers, Ronald Shiffler, Kathleen Simmons, Philip Smith, Preston Smith,  
Troy Sullivan, Varkey Titus, Felita Williams, Diane Williamson, Liz Wilson,  
Craig Womack

The 2012 annual meeting was hosted by Georgia Gwinnett College on April 20, 2012. Dr. Victoria Johnson, 2012 Chair, called the meeting to order, welcomed the attendees and opened the meeting with introductions, agenda approval and approval of the minutes of the April 1, 2011 meeting.

Dr. Matthew Liao-Troth, Dean of the School of Business at Georgia College and State University, asked that the April 2011 minutes be corrected to reflect that he was in attendance.

Also, Dr. Marci Middleton, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Academic Programs of the Board of Regents, asked that the following information be added to the April Meeting Minutes: "Dr. Marci Middleton spoke regarding a number of system-wide issues. These included the alliance of education agency heads, new degree proposal applications, the core curriculum, Area F, executive programs, faculty contracts, online programs, and changes in the HOPE scholarship.

Dr. Middleton also stated that there is a budget meeting next week. Budget reductions have been anticipated and reported in local newspapers. Specific information concerning state agency budget reductions will be made available in the near future. The Chancellor Search is underway. The process is scheduled to be finalized by the end of May. A formal announcement will be made through the system Office of External Affairs.”

A motion was made and seconded and the April 2011 Minutes were approved.

The Committee discussed possible proposals from Dalton State and Georgia Gwinnett to add an additional mathematics course in the General Education requirements. No action was taken.

Dr. Felita Williams, Assistant Vice-Chancellor for Academic Planning of the Board of Regents, presented an update and led a discussion on the Complete Georgia Plan and on the Articulation Agreements between the University of Georgia System (USG) and the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG). The Business Committee met with representatives from the Technical System several times this academic year to discuss the transfer of Economics courses from TCSG institutions into Area E of the General Education requirements. It was decided and reported to the USG System in February, 2011, that Economics 2105 and Economics 2106 may be transferred to Area E for non-business majors with the understanding that the Advisory Committee on Business requested continued dialogue. During Dr. Williams’ presentation, attendees further discussed the transfers and expressed continued concern on the following issues: transferability of these courses for majors; AACSB requirements; student preparation; learning outcomes; course requirements; assessment; and faculty qualifications. Dr. Williams stated she would keep the Committee apprised of future developments.

Dr. Marci Middleton, Assistant Vice-Chancellor presented an update of USG issues. The discussion included pending academic proposals, academic program submission, substantive change related to SACS, program array in the USG, AACSB developments, and system news with reference to USG Websites.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Dr. Ron Shiffler, on behalf of the Regents Advisory Committee, recognized, Dr. Jeff Gibbs of Abraham Baldwin College who is retiring at the end of this academic year. Dr. Gibbs was awarded a commemorative plaque for his many years of service and collegiality. In addition, Dr. Shiffler will leave Georgia Southern University, and become Dean at Queens College. The group thanked Dr. Ron Shiffler for his service and wished him great success in his new position.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Dr. Karen McCarron as Chair of the Regents Advisory Committee on Business. The motion passed and Dr. McCarron will serve as Chair for 2012-2013.

The Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Johnson