

LEARNING SUPPORT DIRECTORS' MEETING  
APRIL 1, 2006

The Learning Support Directors met April 1 at 1:00 pm at Sea Palms in conjunction with the annual learning support conference. Jackie Thornberry, chair of the LS Directors, called the meeting to order; minutes of the April 2, 2005, meeting were approved. (Attendees on 2<sup>nd</sup> page)

Francesca Taylor provided a brief update on the 2006 conference and asked that the directors do more to encourage their learning support instructors to submit proposals.

Various items of business/discussion included the following:

1. Web-based COMPASS: Georgia Perimeter is the only institution using it; there have been glitches including the server going down 5 times in 3 weeks.
2. Assessment of LS Programs: Jackie will ask Cathy Hudson for additional information on the reports provided that deal with grades earned by LS and transfer students in core courses. Several institutions reported they are changing course credit hours, raising cutoff scores, and revamping their LS curricula.
3. Leslie Caldwell provided updates on a variety of issues.
  - - COMPASS practice test created by ACT will not be available any time soon, if ever.
  - - The possibility of using ACCUPLACER rather than COMPASS has been considered. Directors expressed a lack of familiarity with ACCUPLACER but said if they had a chance to evaluate it, they could compare it to COMPASS.
  - - There is no consideration at this time of creating our own placement/exit test.
  - - There is not enough data yet to provide any type of correlation between SAT writing score and RT Essay with regard to another avenue for exemption.
  - - The issue of using "IP" as a grade option with regard to Regents' Test remediation will not be revisited since the decision not to allow the "IP" was made in conjunction with negotiations between the BOR and Department of Education.
  - - A committee of academic VP's has been formed to discuss/recommend possible changes and/or elimination of the Regents' Test.
  - - Of 2005 high school graduates, 20% entering 2 year colleges did not report SAT or ACT scores. This is up from 3% the year before.
  - - The American Diploma Project (ADP) is an effort to align the high school curriculum with college expectations. The ultimate success of this project could impact the status of learning support.
4. Jackie will update and provide to the LS directors a compilation of the COMPASS retest policies which various institutions are adopting.
5. With regard to the exit essay in ENGL 0099, schools reported that they do one of three options: "cold" essay topics, essays with the option to revise, and the writing of two essays and the revision of one the student selects. There is no one identified method.
6. The following were nominated and elected to fill the four vacancies on the LS Executive Committee: Carol Howard, Beverley Richardson-Blake, Lottie Scott, Tonya Strickland.
7. For 2006-2007, Jackie Thornberry will serve as conference chair, Cindy Craig will serve as secretary, and Francesca Taylor will serve as chair of the LS directors.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Francesca Taylor

LIST OF ATTENDEES  
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NAME	INSTITUTION
Baskin, Richard	Gordon College
Bennett, Phyllis	ABAC
Caldwell, Leslie	Board of Regents
Craig, Cindy	Augusta State University
Daddona, Mark	Clayton State University
deLaughter, Dede	Gainesville State College
Fennelly, Larry	Macon State College
Floyd, Tim	Georgia Highlands College
Forbes, Judy	Gainesville State College
Howard, Carol	Gainesville State College
Jones, Sherry	Georgia College & State University
Jones, Tonya	Kennesaw State University
Lawson, Kris	Georgia Southwestern State University
Maynor, Joan	Savannah State University
McDonald, Carl	South Georgia College
Nist, Sherrie	University of Georgia
O'Brien, Janet	Georgia Southern University
Petties, Rosie	Fort Valley State University
Postell, Vince	Dalton State College
Richardson-Blake, Beverley	Valdosta State University
Scott, Lottie	Armstrong Atlantic State University
Selby, Sara	Waycross College
Shumaker, Melody	Columbus State University
Strickland, Tonya	Bainbridge College
Taylor, Francesca	University of West Georgia
Thompson, Harriet	Albany State University
Thornton, Melanie	Darton College
Weaver, Ricky	Coastal Georgia Community College