

# Meeting Minutes

**Academic Advisory Committee  
For Psychology  
February 15, 2001  
Kennesaw State University**

REGISTRATION (10:00-10:20)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:20-10:30)

In attendance at the meeting were the following:

Dr. Richard Catrambone, Georgia Institute of Technology  
Dr. Bernard Davidson, Medical College of Georgia  
Dr. Chester Kawoski, University of Georgia  
Dr. Richard Rogers, Georgia Southern University  
Dr. Robert Bauer, Valdosta State University  
Dr. Keith Douglas, Armstrong Atlantic State University  
Dr. Steve Hobbs, Augusta State University  
Dr. Donna McCarthy, Clayton College & State University  
Dr. Mary Schild, Columbus State University  
Mr. Roddrick Chatmon, Fort Valley State University  
Dr. Sheree Barron, Georgia College & State University  
Dr. Michael Prewett, Georgia Southwestern State University  
Dr. Val Whittlesey, Kennesaw State University  
Dr. Mary Lou Frank, North Georgia College & State University  
Dr. Karen Malone, State University of West Georgia  
Dr. Lugenia Dixon, Bainbridge College  
Dr. Karen Hambright, Coastal Georgia Community College  
Dr. Michael Hoff, Dalton State College  
Dr. Gary Whitehead, Darton College  
Dr. Patricia Leary, East Georgia College  
Dr. Alberta Johnson, Floyd College  
Dr. Diane Cook, Gainesville College

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 by Dr. Mary Schild, Committee Chair from Columbus State University. Dr. Valerie Whittlesey from Kennesaw State University reviewed the day's activities and schedule.

Dr. Howard Shealy, Assistant Dean, College of Humanities & Social Sciences welcomed the group to Kennesaw State University Campus.

Dr. Lugenia Dixon, Bainbridge College, gave a report to the group on the Macon meeting in September of the Executive Committee with the BOR representatives. The recommendation was made that we have this information distributed on our listserv immediately after this meeting each year.

Dr. Steve Hobbs, August State University, and Dr. L. Cochrane, Southern Polytechnic State University, presented an update and ideas from the Board Members of the National Mental Health Association of Georgia. They recommended that we think about incorporating in our courses information to advocate for those with mental illness to help remove the stigma and to work for parity in mental health coverage. Faculty who are interested can contact Steve Hobbs for further information.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion of Collegiality and Faculty Evaluations. After much discussion on what exactly constitutes collegiality no consensus was reached either way. Included in the discussion were things like collegiality as part of teaching, research, service to the institution, mutual respect, good citizenship, not being obstructive of department procedures.

After lunch Dr. Marsha Sauls, President of Georgia Psychological Association, and Dr. Pat Gardner presented information from GPA and the Legislative update. Members were encouraged to consider joining GPA and to let them know how they could help us.

Dr. Judy Monsaas, the Psychology Regents Liaison provided an update from the Board of Regents Central Office. She discussed the New Program Review Process and the Boards push toward more collaborative programs where two or more campuses work together. She also discussed the Governor's push towards accountability and how this will include University accountability in the future. She further suggested that what's needed now to help us prepare are standardized, quantifiable measures.

Dr. Sheree Barron, GC&SU, discussed Program Review and Performance Assessment at GC&SU.

Dr. Robert Bauer, Valdosta State University, then continued the discussion on the topic of Reforming the Undergraduate Curriculum - Beyond the St. Mary's Recommendations and a Report from the California State University Psychology Faculty.

The committee made the following recommendation which was sent to the Judy Monsaas, Ph.D. the Psychology BOR representative:

“The University System of Georgia Academic Advisory Committee on Psychology wishes to express its endorsement for SB 119, a bill to provide a viable professional license for qualified persons with a master's degree in psychology under the title of Mental Health Therapist. The committee further recommends that the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, in support of its stand-alone master's programs in psychology and their graduates, also endorse SB 119.”

The final order of business was an election of the Chair-Elect which was a unanimous vote for Dr. Karen Hambright, Coastal Georgia Community College. The decision was also made to hold the 2002 at GC&SU in Milledgeville, GA.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm.

Minutes submitted by Dr. Sheree Barron, Georgia College & State University