
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
Academic Advisory Committee
On Business Administration, Management and Economics
April 10, 2009
Georgia Perimeter College, Newton Campus

Those in attendance were:

David Bartram, East Georgia College
Carol Bishop, Georgia Southwestern University
Max Burns, North Georgia College & State University
Ric Calhoun, Gordon College
Jacob Chacko, Clayton State University
Mark Dawkins, University of Georgia
Irene Duhaime, Georgia State University
Nancy Gimbel, Georgia Technical University
Mary Hazeldine, Georgia Southern University
Victoria Johnson, Georgia Gwinnett College

Donna Mayo, Dalton State College
Faye McIntyre, University of West Georgia
Dr. Marci Middleton, Board of Regents
Marc Miller, Augusta State University
Wayne Plumly, Valdosta State University
Ronny Richardson, Southern Polytechnic State University
Kal Shartawi, Fort Valley State University
Craig Shane, University of Georgia
Katie Simmons, Gainesville State College
Phil Smith, Georgia Perimeter College
Troy Sullivan, Middle Georgia College
Varkey Titus, Macon State College
Dale Young, Georgia College & State University

The meeting began at 10:00 am on April 10, 2009.

Phil Smith, Host of the Meeting, welcomed everyone and introduced himself. A call was made for any new agenda items, but none were presented. Mr. Smith then proceeded to the planned agenda.

The main topic of discussion was the proposal of the mini-core acceptance of 30 hours from the Technical Schools. Members of the group expressed concern about the proposal. Some of the questions raised included the transferability of courses, preparation of the TSG students for USG collegiate classes, loss of FTE on the USG budget and enrollment and transfer impact upon the two-year USG institutions. After much discussion the committee members voted to write a letter to the USG administration expressing their opposition to the expansion of the mini-core. Dr. Faye McIntyre, Mr. Phil Smith and Dr. Max Burns will prepare the draft for the committee membership.

The committee broke for lunch at noon.

At 1:15 pm Dr. Middleton Middleton from the Board of Regents facilitated. She presented information on four areas: Administration, Budget, Academic Programs and Strategic Planning.

Administration: There will be some organizational changes. The Office of International Education has been abolished for budget purposes. The committees for Study Abroad and International Education are now under Dr. Vaughn. Study abroad is under Dr. Middleton. Strategic Planning for Study Abroad will be under Felita Williams.

A copy of the Academic Affairs chart was presented. Rob Watts is the contact person as Chief Operating Officer and he reports directly to the Chancellor.

Budgets: The USG has incurred substantial cuts in the budget. The BOR and USG office are considering

several budget reduction and revenue generating strategies. For 2009 original budget, \$225 million in cuts are recommended from the House and the Senate. The cuts we incur will also hold true for 2010. There likely will be furlough statements for all faculty and staff USG personnel in next year contracts, but implementation of furloughs likely will be a college-based decision.

Committee members suggested that Dr. Middleton take the following suggestions back to the system office for consideration: (1) discontinuance of the "fixed for 4" tuition plan; and (2) either an increase from 12 to 15 hours for assessment of credit hour payment or an assessment of credit hour payment for each hour taken. Dr. Middleton stated the supplement fee was in effect for the summer and likely would remain for fall term.

Shared services, for payroll and other accounting services, is going live on July 1.

Linda Noble is the contact for faculty development. Student learning will be the first workshop. There will be more faculty development workshops through the upcoming year. In May we will have a couple of changes regarding classification of faculty – regarding tenure, tenure track, non-tenure track, and adjunct faculty. Contact Linda Noble with your concerns. We have not had any negative comments and no opposition.

Strategic Plan: The spreadsheet shows targets and strategic goals, with for example the student advising goal that emanated from a presidential project spearheaded by former President Zaccari. Committee members indicated that there was a copy of this Strategic Plan with "draft" on it months ago. The targets are changing, and the word "draft" is still on the pages because targets are being revised. One of the points was for faculty advising to be part of promotion and tenure. Committee members indicated that the reality is that there are canceled sections, people sick, people on vacation, emergencies. The mock up we were following had courses we were watching. We do not know if the 2 year course will remain. The 2 year course is always changing. Dr. Middleton shared that the strategic plan and various targets was now also on the system office's website.

Dr. Middleton thanked everyone for sharing proposals on new programs. The feedback provided by the committee is extremely important. We had a preliminary and a formal proposal stage (60 and 90 days) which will be cut back by a month. There will be a letter of intent sent in, and you can make a formal proposal. Periods of time may increase due to clarification. The website will provide information on programs, accreditation, etc. Dr. Middleton will notify you of the new and various proposals. Georgia Highlands has sent a plan to provide a site shared by West Georgia. The website will allow you to provide feedback. Frequent the website for all the various programs being researched.

We have had sessions about mergers. Two are going on currently with 2 year and Tech Colleges. I have been asked to write a paper on colleges merged across the country which will be shared with BOR members and the Chancellor. There is a proposal on the table about Tech school offering a mini core at 30 credits. Several emails have been received – send your emails to Robert.Vaughn@usg.edu. Nothing is approved yet, and a discussion item is on the table with regard to the acceptance of 30 credit hours.

Georgia on My Line will be advertising more offerings. We have a new person in charge of security and a policy is being written. Information Technology: Institutions will be upgraded by fall semester. Dr. Middleton will share emails with Phil Smith.

Dr. Max Burns of North Georgia College and State University was elected Chair of the Advisory Committee on Business Administration, Management and Economics for the 2009-2010 academic year.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.