

Regents Advisory Committee for Psychology

Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2016

Opening

The annual meeting of the Regents Advisory Committee for Psychology was called to order at 11:00 a.m. on March 4, 2016 in Atlanta, GA, by Donna McCarty, Chair.

Members Present

Barry Kicklighter, Gordon State
Cynthia Kreutzer, Perimeter of Georgia State College
Donna McCarty, Clayton State College
Etta Lee, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
James Collins, Middle Georgia State University
Jeffrey Reber, West Georgia University
John Kraft, Armstrong State
Karen Hambright, College of Coastal Georgia
Katherine Kipp, University of North Georgia
Katherine Stewart, Savannah State University
Lee Gillis, Georgia College
Michael Hoff, Dalton State College
Reba Goodin, Darton
Stephanie DaSilva, Columbus State University
Vickie Williams, Georgia Gwinnett College

Others Present

Marci Middleton, University System of Georgia

Welcome and Introduction by McCarty

Chair McCarty opened the meeting with roundtable introductions. Each member gave a brief summary of their department, school, or issues of concern. It was noted that there does not seem to be a general decline in psychology majors across the state. Also noted was that several USG planned consolidations had occurred, while several were still to come.

Report from the University System of Georgia

Marci Middleton of the USG brought forward four reports:

1. Academic Degree Productivity Enrollment Monitoring and Academic Programs in the USG (see attachment labeled RAC2016.file1.pdf).
2. Performance Based Funding has been abandoned by the USG.
3. Academic Program Summaries: Outcomes in brief according to disciplinary category (see attachment labeled RAC2016.file2.pdf).
4. The USG is working towards stronger articulation between the USG and Technical Colleges (see attachment labeled RAC2016.file3.pdf).

Action Items

1. A) Initial Motion: Barbara Brown had asked our RAC to approve a change of wording for the Math requirement in Area A2 so that MATH 1101 is the required course.
B) Discussion: Discussion began before the meeting through email and continued at this meeting. The main points were (1) psychology is a science and algebra doesn't help with research methods courses. It fits well to go into statistics; (2) Disciplines with 2 Math requirements have to have pre-calculus; (3) the motion appears to have come from a high rate of DFW grades in 1111, but we received no information about the DFW rate of 1101; (4) "Recommending" is important because it is not required; and (5) the Math faculty report that 1101 or 1001 are better preparations for statistics.
C) Motion: Instead of accepting the wording in the USG motion, we change the wording to "1001 or higher" for Area A. Motion was Seconded. The motion carried unanimously by show of hands.
D) Action: McCarty will write up the recommendation and distribute to the entire membership for feedback and vote.
2. A) Initial Motion: Plans are needed for 2017 meeting because we can no longer link our meeting with SETOP because it is now going to be linked to SEPA. Although the 2017 SETOP/SEPA meeting will be in Atlanta, in the following years it will move throughout the southeast. Furthermore, SETOP will not be able to help fund our meeting beginning next year.
B) Hambright proposed the 2017 meeting be held on Jekyll Island and that she and McCarty would organize the meeting.
C) A new chair is needed because we do not have a chair-elect. Kipp volunteered to serve as chair and was approved unanimously by show of hands.
D) Similarly, a new chair-elect is needed. Hambright nominated Brian Pope and he was approved unanimously by show of hands.

Discussion Items

1. McCarty brought forth the discussion item of whether the psychology degree is coming under assault from various sources, such as the media and legislatures. Discussion followed about whether the Psychology BA/BS degrees are preparing students for careers or for graduate school. Many positive ideas were offered about better preparing BA/BS students for careers.
2. Consolidations were discussed briefly. Those members involved in consolidations suggested that the process was more like a take-over.

Announcements

The meeting of the Association of Heads of Departments of Psychology will be in November in Atlanta. The dues are \$10 and gives you access to the AHDP listserv. For all the news, visit <http://ahdp.us/>

Agenda for Next Meeting

A proposal for consideration at next year's meeting was the issue of problems with IRB Common Rule, the intersection between research and Title 9, and the potential exclusion from review for research that addresses Title 9 issues.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. by Donna McCarty, Chair. The next annual meeting will be in Jekyll Island.

Minutes submitted by: Katherine Kipp

Attachments:

RAC2016.file1.pdf

RAC2016.file2.pdf

RAC2016.file3.pdf

RAC2016.file4.pdf