

Minutes

Regents Advisory Committee on Communication Programs

February 17, 2022

2:00 P.M.

Virtual

Present:

Julianna Trammel, Savannah State University

Jonathan Carter, Georgia Southwestern State University

Barbara Tucker, Dalton State College, Recording

Travice Obas, Georgia Highlands College, Presiding

Jianchuan Zhou, Albany State University

Brian Kline, University of North Georgia

David Bulla, Augusta University

Michael Dreher, Georgia College and State University

Jaye Atkinson, Georgia State University

Celeste Condit, University of Georgia

Susan MacFarlane-Alvarez, Clayton State University

Laura Beth Hawes, Kennesaw State University

Silverree Benson, Atlanta Metropolitan State College

Lusike Muhongo, Fort Valley State University: (Rep Listed as Maisha Akbar)*

Conrad, University of West Georgia

Bradford Yates, University of West Georgia

Pam Sears, Georgia Southern University

Sheree Keith, Middle Georgia State University

Niaz Khan, Georgia Gwinnett College

Jim Brady, East Georgia College

Nicole Cox, Valdosta State University

Danna Gibson, Columbus State University

Keith Perry, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

Not represented:

South Georgia State College: (Hayley Scheese)* Logged on after the meeting ended.

College of Coastal Georgia: (Shani Clark)* RAC member that passed away.

Georgia Technical Institute: (Melissa Ianetta is the Proxy)* Could have been one of the telephone numbers?

Gordon State College: Peter Boltz, Absent

Travice Obas began the meeting at 2:00. There was a quorum present.

Niaz Kahn motioned to approve the agenda, and Brian Kline seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved unanimously.

The minutes from the last in-person meeting, in Feb. 2020, were approved (Danna Gibson/Jaye Atkinson), but later in the meeting, minutes of the April 23, 2021, virtual meeting were approved (Keith Perry/Brian Kline).

New Business: The RACC discussed the approved pathways/Area F guidelines for Journalism/Mass media studies programs and General Communication program, basically for verification purposes. There was some discussion about the level of mandate/compliance per institution. Brian Kline asked if foreign language (related to cultural perspectives) is in Area B, does that meet the requirement. Celeste Condit brought up similar questions about how these guidelines would align with University of Georgia Area F, for example, in foreign language. Concerns about the general education core being revised were very important in this discussion two years ago, but not as much now. We discussed level of universality among the institutions. Danna Gibson confirmed that we have been working on these Area F guidelines since 2014, but they somehow did not get posted as they should to the BOR website. However, now they have been approved by the General Ed Council as of May 2021.

Travice Obas confirmed that these guidelines are what the RACC agreed upon, but currently there is no timeline. Ambiguity, not prescriptive. Not clear what can be moved around. We could go through a whole new process. Danna Gibson stated that, from talking to Barbara Brown, she learned we were one of the RACs without the guidelines on the website, so we have to be open to adopting and adapting. That's why we need to discuss it at this meeting and affirm them. Barbara Tucker clarified about the process last spring.

Travice Obas asked that we agree to affirm these until there are other directives, Keith Perry/Pam Sears, vote unanimous.

The next order of business is selection/election of vice chair for coming year because the current person in that role has stepped down. Jon Carter for vice chair. Acclamation.

Travice Obas mentioned that one of the RACC members passed away recently.

Juliana Trammel asked whether the RACC would be going back to face-to-face meetings. Our face-to-face spring meetings have historically been in connection with the GCA Conference, the day before usually. But our by-laws do not mandate a face-to-face meeting .

As there was no other business or questions, the meeting adjourned at 2:42.

Submitted,
Barbara G. Tucker