

Minutes of the April 24th, 2015 of the Biology Academic Advisory Committee

Members present: Theresa Stanley (Gordon – chair), John Shugart (ABAC), Julie Ballenger (Columbus State), Gene Mesco (Dalton State), Richard Foreman (Darton State), Jimmy Wedincamp (East Georgia State), George Mbata (Fort Valley State), Indiren (Georgia College), Sharryse Henderson (Georgia Highlands), Jung Choi (GaTech), Sheryl Shanholtzer (GPC), Rich Griner (GRU), Steve Vives (Georgia Southern), Stephanie Harvey (Georgia Southwestern), Therese Poole (Georgia State), Scott Reese (Kennesaw State), Donna Balding (Middle Georgia State), Elissa Purnell (Savannah State), (Mark Farmer (UGA),

- 1) Welcome and introductions
- 2) Approval of minutes from BAAC meeting April 24, 2014 – Approved unanimously
- 3) Area F SLOs – Discussion of proposed SLOs took place resulting in the revised document being accepted unanimously (attached).
- 4) The committee discussed concerns that the technical schools wished to transfer their Biology courses as Principles of Biology (majors) to USG schools. The consensus was against that idea.
- 5) An eCore Biology course was presented by West Georgia as being in development. The proposal was discussed.
 - a. It was suggested that ‘Ecology’ be added to the course description.
 - b. There was also concern expressed about the wording of #2 in the course description” “experimental design”. The concern was whether this was beyond the scope of the course. there was a suggestion that this body could evaluate (and approve) specific online labs as being appropriate for such a non-majors course.
 - c. I was suggested that the course number BIOL 1011k be maintained as a standardized, unique number for the online course
 - d. Although there was significant concern about a course with 100% labs, the committee suggested that it could evaluate and approve specific online labs s being appropriate for a non-majors course as this.
- 6) , Chair-elect election. Nomination for chair-elect – Jung Choi. His election was unanimous. Executive committee – Gene Mesco, Theresa Poole, Stephany Harvey
- 7) Moved to adjourn. Seconded

Area F Learning Outcomes for Biology and Biological Sciences

1. Biology majors will demonstrate knowledge and application of the introductory principles of cellular biology, genetics, ecology, organismal biology, and evolution.
2. Biology majors will demonstrate competence in scientific reasoning by using quantitative and qualitative skills to critically analyze data and evaluate biological phenomena.