



## Regents Advisory Committee on Academic Affairs February 8, 2017 Meeting Notes

Dr. Gretchen Caughman, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at Augusta University and RACAA Chair called the meeting to order.

The attendees gave self-introductions. (The list of attendees is included at the end of the meeting minutes.)

Presentations:

### **Re-Introduction of the Redesigned SAT and Concordance**

Mr. Tony Pace, Senior Director, Higher Education Engagement, The College Board presented a presentation on the redesigned SAT. The presentation

- 1) Explained the old SAT and why changes were made
- 2) Compared the old SAT to the new SAT
- 3) Explained the concordance and usefulness of the concordance
- 4) Clarified when the PSAT and SAT should be taken by students
- 5) Offered to do the Admitted Class Evaluation Service (ACES) for the USG at zero cost

[http://www.usg.edu/assets/academic\\_partnerships\\_accreditation/committee\\_docs/documents/re-Intro\\_nSAT\\_Concordance\\_%2802082017%29.pdf](http://www.usg.edu/assets/academic_partnerships_accreditation/committee_docs/documents/re-Intro_nSAT_Concordance_%2802082017%29.pdf)

### **Interfolio – Faculty Lifecycle Platform**

Mr. Wes Lyon- Account Executive, Ms. Jane Cha- Associate Director of Sales Operations

Mr. Ben Wang- VP of Product Strategy and Mr. Jack Dilanian- Chief Commercial Officer demonstrated Interfolio. Interfolio works to increase transparency, equity, and efficiency around the academic decisions at the heart of the university mission. Interfolio addressed faculty first. Interfolio believes faculty is the group most central to the success of higher education, but faculty work too often goes unsupported by smart technology that could make their lives easier and more productive. The presentation demonstrated the Interfolio platform.

[http://www.usg.edu/assets/academic\\_partnerships\\_accreditation/committee\\_docs/documents/USGPresentation\\_FinalInterfolio.pdf](http://www.usg.edu/assets/academic_partnerships_accreditation/committee_docs/documents/USGPresentation_FinalInterfolio.pdf)

### **Academic Advising – BOR Policy 3.9**

Dr. Martha Venn, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Faculty Affairs and Ms. Heather Collins, Policy Analyst, presented a proposal for a verbiage change for the BOR policy manual. The change recommended is below. An electronic vote will record the decision for this proposal:

#### **PROPOSED POLICY:**

#### **3.9 Academic Advisement**

Each institution shall have a program for the advisement of its students framework for academic advising that supports students in the effective use of resources to identify and maintain a path toward educational, professional and personal goals. Academic advisement is the primary responsibility of the faculty and should be integrally related to the education process. Effective advisement shall be credited toward retention, tenure, and promotion. It shall be a specific topic of faculty evaluation (BOR Minutes, 1980-81, P. 85).

(Voting on the propose policy change about was conducted between February 10 and 13, 2017.

The proposed language was approved by a vote of 29 – yes, 0 - no).

Ms. Tracey Cook – Associate Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs & Budget Director talked with the Vice Presidents via conference call during lunch. Ms. Cook explained that the BOR would be very reluctant to increase tuition this year. Data demonstrates that tuition and fees might be outpacing inflation. In addition, all new fees and fee increases would face added scrutiny. Institutions are free to request differential fees and differential fee increases, as long as there is a justification beyond what the market will bear.

Sector meetings topics - the sectors discussed the following topics:

1. Academic advising models - are institutions using professional advisors, faculty or a mix? Do they have performance metrics like how many meetings per student are required per semester? How are faculty evaluated for advising?
2. First Year Experience courses – what topics are covered by these courses, are they integrating them with a common summer reading experience, are they using learning communities, etc.?
3. Need-based aide – how are institutions addressing need-based aide for students?
4. Fees - how does your institution charge for courses and lab fees i.e. letter of the law versus practice?

#### **Sector meeting reports:**

Research Universities:

Dr. Colin Potts Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education Georgia Institute of Technology reporting

- Re-Introduction of the Redesigned SAT and Concordance presentation very good and cleared up confusion around new SAT
- Products/systems – employed by institutions, how and if equitable
- Need based aid – system plan needed to help institutions address, 26,-000 Pell grantees
- International students – from seven countries, only 1 stuck by new immigration law – may impact summer courses
- Textbook costs – conflict of interest for faculty requiring own book for class
- Spousal hires – accommodations for spouses see Business Procedures Manual 24.1

#### **Comprehensive Universities:**

Dr. Jean Bartels, Provost Georgia Southern University reporting

- Academic Advising - Institutions split on advising models some had professional advisors for the entire undergraduate experience; others had students advised by faculty in the major at the junior and senior year; **depending upon career progression or career correction?**
- First year experience – topic differed but all are in Area B – faculty, staff, advisors serve as instructors
- Need based aid – foundation funds or grants
- Feed – across the major (program versus course fee)

#### **State Universities:**

Dr. Tom Ormond Provost, University of North Georgia reporting

- Academic Advising – blended model; professional advisors first two year, Juniors and Seniors advised by faculty in the discipline with an effort to triage the high risk students – these topic more complex
- Fees – course/lab – worked within USG rules; institutional rules and auditing
  - UNG auditing fees whether tis a good intended use, currently eliminated 24 fees
  - Clayton has a faculty course committee that approves all fees, in addition fees are audited every October to access to too much collected or too little.
- Can Tracy Cook confirm that there must be a process to establish a fee i.e. department chair, committee to approve?

### State Colleges:

Dr. Robert Page Vice President of Academic Affairs South Georgia State College reporting

- Various models employed by the State Colleges for advising. In addition, there were concerns expressed about the impact of FLSA requirements on colleges.
- First year experience courses are recorded in different Areas of the curriculum depending upon its discipline base.
- Some state colleges provided limited need-based aid from Foundation funds.
- The group also discussed the peer institution process – the difficulty of finding peers across the nation, as well as discussions about how the list would be utilized in the future.
- Working on issues related to legal changes regarding pre-majors –
- Financial aid no longer available for “Pre” classes i.e. Nursing
- How to help students who do not qualify for clinical or the designated major for the degree
- SACSCOC new principles being review. Consensus on a best practice - use of a common syllabus and textbook – wider practice now

### Student Affairs Update

Dr. Joyce Jones – Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs repotting

- Ms. Tammy Rosner ( ) helping students impacted by the international ban involving seven Muslim majority countries
- Faculty and staff also wondering about international travel
- SGA Presidents met at the Capital on \_\_\_\_ Students briefed by Ashby
- Processing felonies – need to share with students
- Counseling Directors will meet in Macon on February 9, 2017 to discuss suicide and violence prevention
- Public Health issue – outbreak of mumps and measles on campuses
- Ms. Sarah Wenhan, Director of Retention & Progress (USG) shared a presentation on how the USG is working with the new SAT (Presentation link). BOR has approved new score – policy updated.  
[http://www.usg.edu/assets/academic\\_partnerships\\_accreditation/committee\\_docs/documents/New\\_SAT\\_VPAA.pdf](http://www.usg.edu/assets/academic_partnerships_accreditation/committee_docs/documents/New_SAT_VPAA.pdf)
- Mr. Rich Loftus, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Enrollment Services (USG) and Mr. Tracy Ireland, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Enrollment Services (USG) presented on the new federal guidelines impacting financial aid and ‘pre’ majors (Link to presentation). “Pre” should be replaced with majors that allow students a chance to get a degree if they are not successful with the entrance requirement to complete the four-year degree. For example – pre- nursing majors need to have a major just in case they do not qualify for the

clinical training necessary to complete a nursing degree. Tracking of pre majors will have to be accomplished through other means.

[http://www.usg.edu/assets/academic\\_partnerships\\_accreditation/committee\\_docs/documents/170208\\_RACAA\\_Fin\\_Aid\\_Update.pdf](http://www.usg.edu/assets/academic_partnerships_accreditation/committee_docs/documents/170208_RACAA_Fin_Aid_Update.pdf)

**System Updates**

Dr. Rob Anderson – Interim Executive Vice Chancellor/Chief Academic Officer

- Chancellor Wrigley’s priority is college completion – all projects that contribute to college completion are of great interest – Complete College Georgia is the driving point.
- Search is underway for the EVC
- Chancellor would like to provide campus spotlights on the good works of faculty and students at each BOR meeting – Dr. Christina Hobbs, Business Development Manager, shared several examples with the group. The upcoming BOR meeting will feature Rock-O-Mix from UWG. She also announced that March 15<sup>th</sup> is Academic Recognition Day – one student per institution will be honored
- Chancellor would also like to see an expansion of ALG and will meet with Ms. Lucy Harrison, ( ) to discuss expanding grant opportunities.
- CAEP position clarification – institutions may decide whether to continue CAEP accreditation. Institutions will continue to abide by the rules and regulations of the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. In addition, they will maintain regional accreditation through The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.
- Dr. Felita Williams, Associate Vice Chancellor for Partnerships & Accreditation, Provided a quick update on the Gateway to Completion project. Ten USG institutions progressing very well. Lumina is interested in working with John N Gardner INstitutie and the USG on a project that would include G2C, LEAP and other graduation/completion initiatives.
- Dr. Micheal Crafton, Vice President of University of West Georgia – provided a LEAP update. Working to find synergy with other initiatives across the state. Congratulated Rob as the new interim EVC.

Dr. Gretchen Caughman announced that the minutes for the fall 2016 meeting will be forwarded via email. She also shared a document that will help decide the location for the 2018 joint summer meeting with RACSA. RACSA will meet on March 30 and 31<sup>st</sup>. Both RACAA and RACSA will vote electronically in early April.

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Meeting attendees:

<b>USG Institution:</b>	<b>Institutional Representative</b>
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	Gail Dillard
Albany State University	Tau Kadhi
Albany State University	Olufunke Fontenot
Atlanta Metropolitan State College	Micheal Heard
Augusta University	Gretchen Caughman
Augusta University	Carol Rychly
Bainbridge State College	Rodney Carr
Clayton State University	Kevin Dermmitt

College of Coastal Georgia	German Vargas
Columbus State University	Tina Butcher
Dalton State College	Patricia Chute
East Georgia State College	Tim Goodman
Fort Valley State University	T. Ramon Stuart
Georgia College & State University	Kelli Brown
Georgia Gwinnett College	Jo Galle
Georgia Highlands College	Renva Watterson
Georgia Institute of Technology	Colin Potts
Georgia Institute of Technology	Jennifer Herazy
Georgia Southern University	Jean Bartels
Georgia Southwestern State University	Brian Adler
Georgia Southwestern State University	Lynda Lee Purvis
Georgia State University	Tim Renick
Georgia State University	Peter Lyons
Gordon State College	Jeffery Knighton
Kennesaw State University	Ken Harmon
Middle Georgia State University	Melanie Hatch
Savannah State University	Clarissa Myrick - Harris
South Georgia State College	Robert Page
University of Georgia	Russell Mumper
University of North Georgia	Tom Ormond
University of West Georgia	Michael Crafton
University System of Georgia	Rob Anderson
University System of Georgia	Barbara Brown
University System of Georgia	Heather Collins
University System of Georgia	Micheal Crafton
University System of Georgia	Joyce Jones
University System of Georgia	Sarah Wenham
University System of Georgia	Rich Loftus
University System of Georgia	Tracey Ireland
University System of Georgia	Marci Middleton
University System of Georgia	Marti Venn
University System of Georgia	Christina Hobbs
University System of Georgia	Felita Williams
Valdosta State University	Brian Gerber