

Minutes, BOR Academic Advisory Committee on Criminal Justice  
Thursday, November 12, 2009

The meeting was called to order by the committee chair, Leo Downing, at 1:03 PM.

Those in attendance were:

Leo Downing, North Georgia College & State University  
Susan Campbell Lounsbury, Representing the BOR  
Charles Ochie, Albany State University  
Sutham Cheurprakobkit, Kennesaw State University  
Elizabeth Watts Warren, Gordon College  
F.E. Knowles, Valdosta State University  
Walter Robitzsch, Macon State College  
Tom Hancock, Georgia Gwinnett College  
Bill Reese, Augusta State University  
Dan Guerrant, Middle Georgia College  
Brian Payne, Georgia State University  
Randall Parish Gainesville State College  
Karen Wheel-Carter, Georgia Perimeter  
Michael Qualls, Fort Valley State University  
Leroy Baldwin, Atlanta Metro College  
John Siler, Georgia Perimeter College  
Dorinda Dowis, Columbus State University

1. The BOR rep, Susan Campbell Lounsbury, reviewed several important issues and fielded questions from the committee. The following is a summary of the topics and responses.

- A. Fiscal Issues

BOR met in August and adopted a policy recognizing or preparing for scenarios of 4-6-8 % budget reductions. Decisions on how to implement these cuts were left to individual institutions.

The BOR will be meeting this week to discuss the fiscal crisis and deal with deeper deficit projections. They will not meet in December unless a special session is called for. Expect more details to come from the January meeting. Note that the meetings are streamed over the net.

Projections for next year include furloughs for faculty and staff.

There has been no discussion of merging the 2 year institutions with the technical schools.

- B. New Core

The BOR passed a new core policy. New cores (if there are any changes) need to be implemented in Fall 2011 (2 year schools Fall 2012).

Three themes: transferability, retain institutional flexibility and to not create a fiscal burden on institutions.

The new cores must address three learning outcomes: American perspective, global perspective and critical thinking.

The Regents Test is being reexamined in light of the new core.

C. New hires

The BOR has hired a new CIO and is looking for a Data officer.

D. Task forces

There have been 2 BOR task forces. The first on Learning Support (examine data on performance in ENGL) and the second on graduation rates (6 years for 4 year schools, 3 years for 2 years schools). Institutional Presidents were requested to develop new policies to improve graduation rates. Comparisons were made with national peer institutions.

E. The USG Annual Report is available on the web.

2. Introductions and what is going on

- a. North Georgia College & State U: trying to maintain current levels, expansion plans have been put on hold.
- b. Georgia Perimeter College: Programs are expanding
- c. Columbus State University: Underwent structural reorganization. Reduced the number of Schools. Now in a department with Sociology
- d. Fort Valley State U.: Lots of new building on campus. New on-line 4 year program in CJ.
- e. Atlanta Metropolitan College: involved in new PLA program
- f. Georgia State University: New Center on Violence and new PhD program in CJ.
- g. Gainesville College: New reorganization and expansion.
- h. Macon State College: has a 2 year CJ program, needs to expand to a 4 year
- i. Georgia Gwinnett College: New 4 year degree in CJ. Looking for three new faculty. School is growing very fast. Expecting 5,000 in Fall 2010.
- j. Augusta State U: Growth in program, need to keep up with it.
- k. Middle Georgia College: Attempting to deal with fiscal problems
- l. Valdosta State University: Expanding. Seeking a new position and new department chair.
- m. Albany State University: New programs being offered in forensics in cooperation with other schools. Offering an on-line graduate degree
- n. Gordon College: Becoming a limited 4 year school. Lot of demand for CJ. Need to offer more.
- o. Kennesaw State University: Looking for 2 new hires. They are developing a Letter of Intent for a Masters degree.

3. Fiscal issues

A short discussion followed regarding the impact of the current fiscal problems on CJ. The impact limited travel funds may have on institutional promotion and tenure standards was reviewed.

4. New Core

Institutions are now working on adjusting their core to meet the new core policy. CJ faculty should consider contacting members of the institutional General Education Committee to see if a "Justice" course might be included in the new core curriculum. Georgia State University has a CJ course in their Area E already.

5. New listserv

A new listserv reserved for the RAC-CRJU was created last week. Ownership of the listserv will be assigned to Dr. Jennifer Allen. Dr. Allen will become NGCSU's representative to the committee effective January 1, 2010.

6. Election of new officers

Chair for 2010: Charles Ochie, Albany State University

Chair for 2011: Karen Wheel-Carter, Georgia Perimeter College

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.