

**Annual Meeting of the University System of Georgia Regents Advisory Committee  
on Geological Sciences and Geography (ACGSG)**

Reinhardt College  
Room 205 Dobbs  
Waleska, GA

March 21, 2003  
Minutes

**Members present:**

Tim Long	Earth and Atmospheric Sciences/Georgia Institute of Technology
Lewis Rogers	Gainesville College
Harry Trendell	Kennesaw State University
Richard C (Criss) Capps	Augusta State University
Ihimyi Osondu	Fort Valley State University
John Anderson	Georgia Perimeter College
Ntungwa Maasha	Coastal Georgia Community College
Vernon Meentemeyer	University of Georgia
Jim Engstrom	Georgia Perimeter College

1. Convened in Room 205 Dobbs, the meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Ntungwa Maasha who welcomed the committee members; then each took turn to introduce himself.
2. Discussing matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting, Harry Trendell noted that, much to his surprise, some University System of Georgia (USG) institutions using GIS were billed for the service although, as committee chair, he had submitted to the Board of Regents (BOR) the forms necessary for funding the GIS at those institutions. In the ensuing discussion it was agreed that Harry Trendell should follow up this matter with the BOR.
3. When the committee began considering the learning outcomes for common courses in Geography, it became apparent that many USG institutions do not offer several of courses listed.  
Harry Trendell, I. Osondu, Vernon Meentemeyer, and Jim Engstrom volunteered for a subcommittee to prepare the learning outcomes for these courses.  
The comments on the learning outcomes for the geology courses suggested fine-tuning the outcomes.
4. The Area F's were not discussed.
5. The members passed a motion creating an executive committee of ACGSG consisting of the current chair, the past chair, and the chair elect. This would ensure continuity.

6. Tim Long talked about the NSF proposal he was preparing to increase the number of non-PhD colleges with seismometers so as to encourage the use of seismology in enhancing teaching of Earth Science and basic geology as well as to increase the seismic coverage in Georgia. This will be an extension of programs offered to encourage K-12 participation in recording earthquakes. The proposal will request about 6 seismometers to be distributed to interested colleges, as well as support for networking these instruments. He will also prepare exercises to use real time and saved seismic data in geology and similar courses.
7. At his suggestion for members to report on developments at their respective schools, Vernon Meentemeyer described the Atmospheric Science Certificate program that is very popular at UGA. John Anderson indicated that Georgia Perimeter College is proposing a program in environmental sciences. According to I. Osundu, Fort Valley State University is introducing a course in GIS. Harry Trendell said that Kennesaw State University will offer a BS degree in GIS that will require hiring five geographers. Lewis Rogers indicated that Gainesville College plans to introduce a 3-4 year cooperative degree in GIS. Spring Semester 2002 was the first time Coastal Georgia Community College offered two sections of a geology course, Maasha said.
8. I. Osundu, a geography professor from Fort Valley State University was unanimously elected chair of ACGSG for a two-year term beginning in the fall of the 2004-2005 academic year.
9. It was agreed to hold next year's meeting at Berry College at the time of the meeting of the Georgia Academy of Science.
10. Chairman Ntungwa Maasha thanked the members for their contribution to the meeting and adjourned the meeting at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ntungwa Maasha  
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