

Meeting Minutes
Academic Advisory Committee
for Psychology
February 28 2003
Jekyll Island, GA
Coastal Georgia Community College

Members and Institutions

Dr. Sheree Barron, Past Chair, Georgia College and State University; Dr. Robert Bauer, Valdosta State University; Dr. Barbara Brown, Georgia Perimeter College; Dr. Gregory Corso, Georgia Institute of Technology; Dr. Diane Cook, Gainesville College; Dr. Patrick Devine, Kennesaw State University; Dr. Keith Douglass, Armstrong Atlantic State University; Dr. Janet Frick, University of Georgia; Dr. Karen Hambright, Chair, Coastal Georgia Community College; Dr. Alberta Johnson, Floyd College; Dr. Etta Lee, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College; Dr. Donna McCarty, Chair Elect, Clayton College & State University; Dr. Deborah Richardson, Augusta State University; Dr. Richard Rogers, Georgia Southern University; Dr. Mary Schild, Columbus State University; Dr. Pam Terry, Gordon College; Dr. Christine Vanchella, South Georgia College.

Introduction

Following registration and continental breakfast in the parlor lobby of the Jekyll Island Club Hotel (9:00-10:00), the meeting was called to order by Dr. Karen Hambright. Dr. Sheree Barron, Past Chair, requested that each member state their name and institution for the benefit of recently appointed members. Each of the members listed above did so. The agenda was reviewed and approved unanimously.

Welcome: Dr. Karen Hambright introduced the President of Coastal Georgia Community College, Dr. Dorothy Lord (10:30). Dr. Lord formally welcomed the committee to the Golden Isles. She apprised the committee of the economic effects of the completion of the (its name escapes me) Bridge in Spring 2003 and of the importance of the port of Brunswick in international trade, particularly the importation of automobiles. Dr. Lord thanked us for choosing to hold the meeting on Jekyll Island and she expressed her pride in having Coastal Georgia Community College host the meeting. Dr. Hambright and the members of the committee applauded and thanked Dr. Lord and she excused herself.

Executive Council Report: Dr. Hambright was accompanied by Dr. Barron in the overview of the Executive Council of the Academic Committees Meeting held in September 2002 at Macon State College. Dr. Frank Butler (Title?) and Dr. Dorothy Zinsmeister (Title?) presided at the Executive Council Meeting. Dr. Butler announced he had assumed the position of Vice President for Academic and Fiscal Affairs following the departure of Dr. Dan Papp from the position. Dr. Butler presented the University System's FY2003 priorities for Academic Affairs. Dr. Zinsmeister provided an Academic Advisory Committee Orientation for new members, and Dr. Kathleen Burk spoke on the Regents' Quantitative Skills Test. Each committee was given a charge by Dr. Zinsmeister to re-examine the Areas F of the Common Core Curriculum and to develop specific learning outcomes for the core courses.

Old Business

Program Assessment: Dr. Barron reported on the submission of degree program check lists. Few committee members had submitted them electronically. Though some were brought to

the meeting, the committee was encouraged to submit them to the committee's web page that was being developed at Clayton College and State University.

Dr. McCarty reported that few committee members had submitted their learning outcomes for their degree programs, and/or core courses. She explained delays in the functioning of the web page and suggested that we share these assessment rubrics with the committee.

New Business

Dr. Hambright read the charge given to each of the committees and we discussed possible strategies for accomplishing our charge, and then adjourned for lunch together in the DuBignon Room.

Lunch (12:30-1:30)

New Business cont.

Review of Areas F: Dr. Hambright noted that the common core in Area F is limited to Introduction to General Psychology, PSYC 1101. As members looked over handouts of degree checklists accumulated for the meeting, Dr. Devine pointed out that Kennesaw State University does not present their program checklist with the labels of Areas A-F. However, the University was consistent in terms of the core curriculum.

Following discussion, the committee agreed that the common core curriculum served its purpose and required no additional courses be added. However, a motion carried that the committee recommend that Kennesaw redesign their degree checklists in terms of the USG uniform format of Areas A-F. The recommendation will be sent to the Georgia Board of Regents liaison, Dr. Judith Monsass, prior to its submission to the system office.

Specific Learning Outcomes: Dr. Hambright led discussion of the intended purpose of the specific learning outcomes for the common core courses in terms of program assessment and accountability to the legislature and taxpayers of Georgia. The committee examined handouts of sample course and program learning outcomes provided by members of the represented institutions. Drs. McCarty, Barron and Hambright led the committee in brainstorming and in reaching the conclusion that "less is more" and that these outcomes need to be measurable, but broad enough to prevent encroachment upon academic freedom.

The committee developed and agreed upon adoption and submission of the specific learning outcomes for the core curriculum which are attached to the minutes.

Election of Chair elect and the site for Next Year's Meeting:

Dr. McCarty was unanimously elected. A motion was made, seconded and carried that Dr. McCarty will host the next meeting on her campus at Clayton College and State University. Another motion carried that we schedule the meeting in February 2004 adjacent to the South Eastern Teaching of Psychology Conference (SETOP) hosted each year by Kennesaw State University.

Adjourn (4:00)

A final motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn until next year and to conduct any additional business electronically.