

Minutes of the Biology Academic Advisory Committee
Annual Meeting
Macon State College
April 9, 2012

Present: Ray Barber-ABAC, Rich Griner-Augusta State, Jenny Harper-Bainbridge, Virginia Michelich-BOR System Office, Barbara Musolf-Clayton State, Julie Ballenger-Columbus State, Lindasu Crowe-Darton, Jimmy Wedincamp-East Georgia, Mary Mayhew-Gainesville State, Indiren Pillay-Georgia College and State University, Judy Awong-Taylor-Georgia Gwinnett, Donna Daugherty-Georgia Highlands, Sheryl Shanholtzer-Georgia Perimeter, Stephen Vives-Georgia Southern, Bob Herrington-Georgia Southwestern, Jerald Hendrix-Kennesaw State, David Davis-Macon State, Deepa Arora-Middle Georgia College, Nancy Dalman-North Georgia College and State University, Matt Weand-Southern Polytechnic, Mark Farmer-UGA, Bob Gannon-Valdosta State, Gaylon Cook-Waycross

The meeting was called to order at 10 am by Ray Barber.

There was motion and second to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2011 BAAC meeting. The motion was approved.

Complete College Georgia Plan – Issues: The committee discussed issues relating to the Complete College Georgia plan, especially with respect to the issue of transferability of credits from Technical College System of Georgia institutions to USG schools. The consensus was that science credit from TCSG schools could transfer as non-majors or general education (Area D) credit, but that transfer as majors credit required individual evaluation by the departments in the USG institution.

Transfer Issues and Tracking Students: Mark Farmer from UGA addressed issues with the

One question was who monitors performance of part time faculty at different institutions. At several of the institutions, either full time faculty mentors or course coordinators monitored part time performance in addition to the department chairs. Donna Daugherty at Georgia Highlands College indicated that she has a coordinator for part time faculty whom she pays an overload/administrative stipend.

The committee discussed the use of peer review for faculty evaluation. Several institutions indicated that they had standardized peer review rubrics.

The committee discussed the use of external peer review for teaching and/or research.

The committee discussed the use of online vs paper student evaluations. Several institutions have gone to online systems, such as Digital Measures, for their student evaluations.

Online Science Credit: Dr. Linda Nobel from the Board of Regents came to discuss credit for

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