

**Regents Advisory Committee on Political Science  
Annual Meeting  
November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
The Doubletree Inn  
2:00-4:00 p.m.  
(Cobalt Room)  
Savannah, Georgia**

Institutions present: Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Bainbridge College, Clayton State University, Coastal Georgia Community College, Columbus State University, Dalton State College, Darton College, Gainesville State College, Georgia College and State University, Georgia Gwinnett College, Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia Perimeter College, Gordon College, Middle Georgia College, North Georgia College and State University, South Georgia College, Southern Polytechnic State University, University of West Georgia, Valdosta State University, Georgia Board of Regents Liaison.

Call to order: Dr. Njoroge called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

Approval of minutes: The minutes from the November 16, 2006 meeting were approved with minor revisions.

Old Business:

- Report from Joe Trachtenberg concerning the POLS RAC recommendation to BOR to require that all students within USG take POLS 1101 in Area E of the System's Core.
  - ! Dr. Trachtenberg clarified some confusion that existed within the committee's proposal and updated the committee on the progress related to the issue.
  - ! He reported that on July 25<sup>th</sup> he received notice that the request was denied. The decision was based on the need to maintain institutional flexibility in implementing the state legislative requirements.
  - ! Dr. Cline suggested pursuing it further and noted the purpose of the legislative requirement and the importance of the course.
  - ! Dr. Trachtenberg made the following motion:
    - " We recommend that POLS 1101 American Government be a required course in the core curriculum. As much as English Composition and U.S. History are required, so should a course that familiarizes USG students with

American Government also be required. An understanding of U.S. Government is essential to civic engagement. POLS 1101 is an effective means of satisfying the Georgia legislative requirement that is currently in place. Regardless of how an institution complies with the Georgia government and constitution legislative requirements, we recommend that POLS 1101 be a required part of the core curriculum.\*

\* Georgia Institute of Technology's role in the university system is acknowledged

