

Meeting of the Executive Committees of the Academic
Committees with Academic Affairs, University System of
Georgia
Auditorium, Macon State College
September 27, 2007
1:00-4:00pm

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
David Bell, President, Macon State College
Sandra Stone, Vice Chancellor for Planning and Programs
2. Role of the Academic Committees in the University System; Role of
USG liaisons
3. New opportunities for Academic Committee participation
4. USG Priorities and Activities for FY 2007-08
 - A. Hours in degree programs
 - B. Accreditation updates
 - C. USG Strategic Plan
<http://www.usg.edu/>
 - D. Distance Education goals
 - E. DOE Pathways for Technical Education
 - F. IB review
 - G. New High School graduation rule—tracking requirement
 - H. Revision of Academic Affairs Handbook
 - I. Other
5. Academic Committee website
<http://www.usg.edu/academics/comm/index.phtml>
6. Q & A

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Meeting Notes

1. Sandra Stone welcomed attendees and everyone introduced themselves.
2. A. Role of the academic committees—suggestions from committee members
 - Advocates for library resources
 - Input into system-wide issues e.g. core curriculum discussion
 - Information transfer should be both ways—BOR to AAC's and vice versa
 - Valuable communications within the committees
 - Transferability issues
 - Get to know others in the same discipline
 - Professional development activities
 - Visiting each others campuses is beneficial
- B. Role of liaisons—suggestions from committee members
 - Liaison activity uneven
 - Bring state-of-the-discipline data to the meeting
 - Special sessions for professional development
 - Bring forward ideas

Academic Committees Operating Procedures

http://www.usg.edu/academics/comm/aa_docs/procedures.phtml

3. New opportunities- ways committees could be more involved in academic affairs decision-making.
 - Attend Board meetings
 - View webcasts of Board meetings
 - New Program review—the Office of Academic Planning and Programming will begin involving members of the disciplinary advisory committees as reviewers for new program review this fall as one way to increase participation
 - Will also ask the committees to help establish course equivalencies for certain scores on IB and AP exams that can be used across the system
 - Invite to participate in development of the new core curriculum
4. USG Priorities and Activities
 - Hours in degree programs
 - Committees were asked to keep the System Office informed about changes in disciplinary accreditation requirements.

- Distance education goals—currently working on the Masters in Education programs by January 2008; student registration at multiple institutions; GAonline; double the number of EFT's in distance education offerings in the next 3-5 years
- The System Office is currently in the process of revising the Academic Affairs Handbook, especially in the area of approvals and authorities. The rewrites will update the Handbook to conform to new board policy.
- The new High School graduation rule will go into effect in 2012.
- Two years of a foreign language is not required for high school graduation, but it is still required for admission into USG institutions. In the next few years, DOE plans to phase-in foreign language into the middle school curriculum, with the thought of eventually having it a requirement.
- USG Strategic Plan—Please see <http://www.usg.edu/> for more detailed information. Click on Strategic Plan

Goal 1—revise the core curriculum, making it competency-based; continue work on RPG; better advisement practices; international education; teacher excellence

Goal 2—capacity and facilities issues

Goal 3—graduate education; research and development; increase federal grant \$; work collaboratively with the business community

Goal 4—working more closely with preK, DOE, PSC, DTAE, and STEM

Goal 5—provide more opportunities for need-based aid for students; stay affordable

Goal 6—work more efficiently as a System, especially back-office functions