

2017 BORAACE

23 February 2017

--Lisa Mallory (AMSC) called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. and opened the meeting with a basic outline of our meeting schedule.

--Ke Du, our new System liaison, is a research and policy analyst with the USG.

--Barbara Brown, System Office

- Accuplacer: currently, if you score at the 90th percentile on Accuplacer, you should be placed as if you had scored at the 90th percentile on the Compass.
- Placement is based on both the English Placement Index (EPI) and the Accuplacer
- If you have a high school GPA around 2.0, you are virtually guaranteed to place into remediation

--Can we use Gateway to Completion to force course caps down?

--Discussion of the importance of the study of foreign languages in all BA degrees

--Look into expanding the duration of the access codes to two years or more so that students have more consistent access to materials throughout the curriculum (Rebecca Burnett)

--Create a Google Doc with book selections that can be shared with faculty and the bookstore

--Discussion regarding MOWR and preserving the College experience.

--Point University (religiously-affiliated private college in Georgia)

Executive Committee

RRB

Lisa Mallory

Rhonda Kelley chair-elect

Rebecca Burnett (2018)

Rebecca Flynn (2018)

Debra Matthews (rotating off)

eCore

--If you are teaching for eCore, should you be teaching an increased load for your home institution? How does eCore impact total teaching load?

--Rebecca Burnett: we must be willing to say no to overloading our classes so that we give the clear signal that we are holding to the standards for our discipline.

--Rebecca Burnett: we use a common first week syllabus in English 1101 / 1102 that all faculty adheres to.

Friday, 24 February 2017

Lisa Mallory called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

President Gary McGaha brought greetings from the Atlanta Metropolitan SC Community.

Lisa Mallory presented the slate of proposed officers for approval of the body:

Rhonda Kelley: Chair

Rebecca Flynn: Chair-Elect

Lisa Mallory: Immediate Past-Chair

Rob Bleil: At-Large Member (State Colleges)

Rebecca Burnett: At-Large Member (R1)

Debra Matthews: At-Large Member (State Universities)

Michael Schroeder (Savannah State) moved the slate. Shannon Gilstrap (UNG) and Christina Heckman (Augusta) seconded the slate. The vote passed by acclamation.

The Standing Committees Reported Out

First-Year (Shannon Gilstrap)

- DWF rates for off-cycle offerings (e.g. spring 1101)
- Created a MOWR document to include in first-year syllabi
- Propose some recommendation to the BOR regarding accountability with regard to eCore courses (quality control, compatibility, transferability); eCore is operating as its own "cottage industry"

Sophomore Lit (Jesse Bishop)

- Inconsistency of required lit courses (areas C&F)
- Impact of mergers on required lit courses

Online / Instructional Design (Jesse Bishop)

- Online training / on-boarding
- Quality Matters for course design / on-boarding for faculty
- Challenges of OERs for English courses

Ad Hoc Committee on Class Size (Rebecca Burnett)

- Agenda item: review our learning outcomes to align with current national standards (IWP)

- Ad Hoc Committee on Class Size
 - BOR → Strong position on class size
 - Department Chairs → Supporting faculty
 - Executive Summary: In keeping with USGs movement to increase the likelihood.... (get text from R. Burnett)

Major Programs (Christina Heckman)

- Impact of mergers on major programs
- Pathways from sophomore → junior courses
- Marketing (internal) / Program development
- Double-majoring within the USG
- Expanding internship opportunities

Graduate Programs (did not meet)

Shannon Gilstrap moved to adjourn at 11:29; seconded by Rebecca Burnett.