

RACEA Executive Committee
Conference Call, Friday, September 11, 2015, 9-10:00 AM

Attendees: Bryan Davis, Danielle Buehrer, Barbara Brown, Jill Lane, Angeles Eames, Allan Aycock, Juliana Lancaster, Amy Foster

Absent: Michael Black

1. Approval of Minutes from August 14, 2015
 - a. Minutes approved with the following edits: Angeles absent
2. Fall Meeting
 - a. Date October 23 reserved at MGSU (9:30 AM to 2:30 PM)
 - i. Progress update: Menu is arranged; only water and coffee will be served, which will be only \$25 per person. That will generate money for annual meeting out of fall meeting.
 - b. Proposed Agenda (attached)
 - i. Have proposed agenda.
 - ii. Need to hear from Kelly and Marci about their plans for the subcommittee. Jill is part of sub-subcommittee that is meeting on Tuesday, after which there will be something to report.
 - iii. Bryan – They would like to see that comprehensive program reviews actually get done. Angeles – they sent out materials ahead of the Tuesday meeting regarding what other states are doing. Do not anticipate long meeting on Tuesday.
 - iv. Bryan – some things to talk about AA/AS taskforce – there was a question from Patti Gregg on the listserv. She is rep for GA Perimeter now. The question is “what constitutes a coherent degree at the associates degree level?”
 - v. Question from Jill to Barbara – what is status of Area F proposed change? Person leading the effort was away but will be back part-time. Barbara thinks what you saw is what they are going to do to get area F approved.
 - vi. Allan – Bryan could you please explain relationship between lunch and groups for the meeting? Bryan – the idea is that you start meeting and then grab lunch and continue talking during the lunch. If we do that then we can dismiss earlier, approximately 2-2:30 range. This helps those who have to travel a long distance to attend the meeting.
 - vii. Barbara – I think we should invite Linda Noble to talk about Area F because it is an accreditation concern. This could provide clarification and provide an opportunity for RACEA to voice concerns. RACEA has a different slant on the whole issue. She needs to hear from this group.
 - c. Proposed Bylaw Change (attached)
 - i. Had to add representative to the list of offices.
 - ii. Have to add mention of it in the elections section.
 - iii. Then just add to list of when terms of service begin. We will show it at the fall meeting and vote on it at the annual meeting.
3. Next Call: October 16 @ 9:00 AM?
 - a. Some RACEA members will be at the Gen Ed Council meeting on that date. The next Friday is the 16th. Group agreed that next meeting would be in Macon due to the proximity in dates.

- b. **ACTION:** Bryan to provide materials to Allan
- c. **ACTION:** Allan to provide copies of _____

Amy Foster – Area F general studies question for Barbara. SACSCOC VP telling her that they cannot do assessment that mirrors general education assessment. How can this be accomplished? BB indicated that for the particular program you might be able to do that. BB – that degree is not going to be a stand-alone. I don't know that you are going to assess Area F. Bryan – if there was a mechanism for you to assess critical thinking as the outcome of Area F. Barbara indicated that you can make it more restrictive. Amy stated that they thought they had to do it. Barbara replied that it wasn't the case; the goal was to allow institutions ...some already have been doing what we just passed, but technically they were in violation because the previous one was more specific. As long as you don't violate (3000 level courses in there that aren't in any other area) you can make it more specific if you want to. Amy said that language that came out said it would require us to use the Area F. Do you know if we are going to have to do that? Barbara replied that those are written flexibly. For example – Psychology, you could have Intro and up to 3 additional courses with a list of things you might do - -you could offer only one additional psych course as long as you stay within the guidelines you should be fine. Amy noted that she was doing a monitoring report and it became problematic. They ended up identifying the top 10 institutions their students transferred to and conducted an audit of those 4 year degree Area Fs and found there was a problem with biological science. Barbara replied that it is an issue that has been brought up and that there now is training for chairs. Committees are supposed to set up the broad Area Fs. Institutions are to stay within what is broadly proscribed. Everything is supposed to transfer. GA Southern indicated that it is effectively not transferring. Bryan – thought the area F was it would substitute if you had a different course, but he knows that is not how it works at GA Southwestern. Barbara noted that the advisory committee was supposed to be reviewing to ensure compliance. She will need to lean on them to make them ensure that students do not have problems when they transfer. Part of their charge is to review everything and make sure they are in compliance. Barbara requested that Amy please send her what she has been collecting and she will talk to the chairs about it.

ACTION: Amy to send materials to Barbara.