

Regents' Advisory Committee for Communication
Fall Meeting
November 30, 2023, Online, 2:00

Attending:

Jonathan Carter, Chair, Georgia Southwestern University
David Bulla, Vice Chair, Augusta University
Barbara Tucker, Secretary, Dalton State College
Travice Obas, Georgia Highlands College, Immediate Past Chair
Jaye Atkinson, Georgia State University
Danna Gibson, Columbus State University
Michael Dreher, Georgia College and State University
Pam Sears, Georgia Southern University
Melissa Ianetta, Georgia Technical Institute
Peter A O'Connell, University of Georgia
Elizabeth Sheffield-Hayes, Albany State University
Chrystal Anderson, South Georgia State College
Sheree Keith, Middle Georgia State University
Barbara Gainey, Kennesaw State University
Brad Yates, University of West Georgia
Kyle Fox, College of Coastal Georgia
Laurie Hagood, University System Office

A quorum was present

Institutions not represented: Abraham Baldwin Agricultural, Atlanta Metropolitan State College, Fort Valley State University, Georgia Gwinnett College, Gordon State College, University of North Georgia, Savannah State University, Clayton State University,

Jonathan Carter called to order the meeting to order.

Dr. Carter reviewed the System's change to the Impacts focus and the need to teach the three competencies required by the system. Syllabi will include the competencies. Since the basic course is often in the institutional priority area, the syllabi for the basic course will also include in those competencies. He observed that the IMPACTs focus does not really change core but does change how it is presented and discussed with students.

David Bulla added that he met with the faculty teaching COMM 1110 online and discussed how the teamwork aspect can be realized in the online modality.

The second area of discussion was issues around Area F for Communication majors. This work was taken care of in prior years and does not need to be addressed currently. Transferring students being able to utilize their credits continues to be a concern, but if the guidelines are followed as set up, that should not be a problem.

The third point of business was to review the common course numbers, 1110 and 1100. Barbara Tucker suggested taking the “s” off the name of the 1100 course. While it still exist in some documents, that spelling is not on the official USG website. Dr. Carter asked if we should look into changing the course descriptions, but there was no discussion on that point.

The fourth item of business was the RAC’s by-laws. We are technically in violation by meeting online and doing so this late in the Fall semester. Another area to be changed is the tie-in to the Georgia Communication Association’s February meeting. Barbara Tucker explained how that became a part of the by-laws in 2013. A third area for revision is whether we are maintaining the executive committee as described in the by-laws, such as at-large members. Dr. Carter suggested that we have a subcommittee composed of the current officers of the Executive Committee to amend the by-laws to get them consistent with practice. Barbara Gainey stated the three officers we have operating now is enough. Dr. Carter concluded that the three current officers will revise the by-laws, addressing these issues, and bring them to the whole RAC through electronic vote.

The question of whether we will need a meeting in Spring 2024 was discussed. It was decided to keep the matter open for now.

Pam Sears had question about RAC Chairs meeting, international. She stated that now prerequisites are acceptable in Area F and upper division courses are allowed as well. We will need to also revisit the incoming vice chair in the spring.

Motion to adjourn was made by Danna Gibson. The meeting adjourned at 2:34.

Submitted,
Barbara G. Tucker