



**RACEA Executive Committee
Conference Call
Thursday, November 12, 2020
9:00 AM
MINUTES**

Attending: Mary McLaughlin, Michael Black, Sabrina Thompson, Loraine Phillips, Allan Aycock,
Catherine Jenks, Bryan Davis, Barbara Brown, Danielle Buehrer

Absent: Darby Sewell, Jill Lane

1. Welcome
2. Approved minutes from the October 8, 2020 (Regular Executive Committee Meeting): Loraine Phillips presented the minutes from October 8, 2020. The executive committee approved.

3. Treasurer's Report—Michael Black

Treasurer's Balance for RACEA is \$8,641.39 No transactions since March 25, 2020.

4. Committee Updates:

- **Program Review Committee:** Lane—Absent. No Update.
- **Update Accreditation Intelligence (AI) Committee:** Buehrer—No Update. No official update to the SASCOC Substantive Change Policy. Danielle and Mary will be presenting virtually at the SASCOC Annual Meeting.
- **Update BOR Initiatives Committee:** Aycock—Dr. Denley gave a presentation to the BOR yesterday regarding new program proposals. Barbara noted that the hope is to streamline submission of new programs to the USG and tracking them once approved. It is also hoped that anyone from an institution can see the status of the proposal as it moves through the process. SharePoint will likely be used. Danielle attended the BOR meeting and heard Dr. Denley's presentation. She also emphasized that workforce data will be more readily available to institutions by the USG.

Further, Mickey Williford, Danielle Buehrer, Jill Lane, and Michael Galchinsky are meeting with David Tanner of the Carl Vinson Institute of Government (UGA), who is shepherding the revision process for the USG using Lumina grant funds, to further clarify needed alignment for new programs.

Allan Aycock met with Kevin Sightler to confirm that agreements, including USG led agreements such as graduate cooperative academic arrangements (GFA), must be approved by SASCOC.

5. The eCore Assessment Plan update—Bryan Davis—eCore has a continuous loop of course revision every three years. Learning outcome results should be shared with the eCore RAC in order to make continuous improvements to the courses in eCore. Bryan noted that institutions were not consistently



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providing this information. This should be informing the revision process. Thus, we should be careful to pay attention to the latest version of the courses and provide feedback for the courses. Bryan noted that the RAC should be reaching out to Gen Ed coordinators at institutions.

Finally, Bryan noted that the fact book data for eCore was aggregated, which makes the view for individual institutions challenging. In addition, access to Qlik data seems different based on institution. Jonathan Hull at the USG can grant access.

6. **Spring Meeting Planning:** McLaughlin Discussion—Darby is absent, but our basic premise is that the spring meeting will likely be virtual due to COVID-19 and budget restrictions. We will also need to do elections in the spring. Perhaps the best path forward is to wait until we know more about SACSCOC changes and Substantive Change adjustments by January and then begin planning for the spring meeting.
7. **Other Business:** Next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 9:00.**

Allan noted that Kevin Sightler of SACSCOC brought Tina Butcher, a former RACEA member from Columbus State, with him to the meeting. She appears to be consulting with SACSCOC.

Bob Boehmer announced his retirement December 1. He's chair of the Council for General Education. Bob was also a former member and leader of RACEA. It would be nice if we could recognize his retirement such as sending a Starbucks gift card along with a note from the current chair. Mary will be coordinate.

Cathi Jenks announced that UWG has a new provost, which is a KSU former Dean.

8. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.