

Meeting Minutes: Committee on Fine & Applied Arts

Academic Advisory Committee on the Fine and Applied Arts
Minutes of Meeting, February 20, 2004
Macon State College
Chair Lee Barrow, presiding

The Regents' Advisory Committee on the Fine and Applied Arts met on Friday, February 20, 2004, at Macon State College. Those signing the attendance roster were:

Members:

Donna Hatcher, ABAC; Thomas Cato, Armstrong Atlantic State University; Clay Shotwell for Angela Morgan, Augusta State University; Jeff LeMieux for Michael Hannaford, Coastal Georgia Community College; Kelley Mahoney for John Hebestreet, Dalton State College; John Dimino for Jeff Kluball, Darton College; Bryan Barr, Floyd College; Bobby Dickey, Fort Valley State University; Gay Hammond for James B. Hammond, Gainesville College; Joseph Szutz, Regents' Office; Richard Green, Georgia College & State University; George B. Johnson, Georgia Institute of Technology; David Koffman, Georgia Perimeter College; David Mathew, Georgia Southern University; Thom Harrison, Macon State College; Lee G. Barrow, North Georgia College & State University; Peggy Blood, Savannah State University; Betty Seabolt, Southern Polytechnic State University; Rochelle D. Elman, State University of West Georgia; Carl Cates for John Gaston, Valdosta State University

Chairman Barrow called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. After introductions, the minutes of last year's meeting were distributed. It was stated that there was an error in the recommendations for Area F in the Visual Arts. Upon review it was determined that Introductory studio course should read 0 – 6 hours instead of 0 – 3 hours. The minutes were amended and approved with this change.

Dr. Joe Szutz, the committee's liaison from the Regents' office, distributed a Legislative Update, which documented the status of legislation currently under consideration by the state legislature. He spoke about recent changes in streamlining the process for teacher certification in Georgia. He stated that although the process is to help get more teachers into the public schools, the process was not an option for those pursuing a degree to teach. Dr. Cato injected that the recent decision to allow graduates to teach in the area or related area of their undergraduate degree and passing Praxis I and II by the Professional Standards Commission (PSC) would certainly change how current graduates view pursuing a B.S. in Education in a discipline or in an academic discipline with teacher certification. The current requirements for 900 hours of practicum experience before completing their degree create an undue hardship on students trying to graduate with teacher certification and students would be inclined to not select degrees leading to teacher certification. Dr. Szutz indicated that he had not heard any uproar about this but would check and report back to us. He did mention that requiring major in an academic field was possibly coming along in the near future.

Dr. Szutz reported that no decision has been made with the HOPE scholarship concerning changes about books, SAT, etc. The Legislative Update has more information about this topic. A two-sided memo from Dr. Papp concerning k-12 curriculum reform proposed by GA Dept. of Education was distributed. We have been invited as

a committee and as interested faculty members to review this proposed curriculum. The recent flap about removing the term "evolution" in the science curriculum raises issues concerning the curriculum. Although responses are requested from specific discipline committees where the core subject matter is most impacted, all disciplines will be affected by incoming freshman taking the new curriculum.

Dr. Szutz thanked Peggy Blood for her work organizing the art exhibition at the Regents' offices along with Bobbie Dickey and John Diminio for their help. He stated that in all accounts the show and event was a great success and that the Valdosta State University Choir that sang at the meeting was stunning. Although the staff at the Board of Regents does not have the time or resources to arrange and manage shows, they would like to continue having work present at the Regents' Offices. This is one way for the Fine and Performing Arts Committee to build positive relationships with the Board of Regents. In so doing, the committee will have more impact when it makes requests. Dr. Szutz asked that all representatives get the word out about the exhibitions to get more art departments represented in the show and more

Dr. Szutz invited other small ensembles to perform at the next Nov. Regent's Board meeting and requested that more schools participate in the video to be presented at the next meeting.

Dr. Peggy Blood reported that the Georgia Visual Art Department Chairs met at Sapelo Island in January, and they thought it was a great idea to exhibit at the Regent's Offices. They asked Peggy to develop a two-month rotation for exhibits that an individual school or else a group of two or three schools would hang.

After Dr. Szutz left, the committee briefly discussed the rotation schedule for the art exhibition prepared by Dr. Blood. She was asked to get a scale drawing of the space and try to get commitments from schools starting in August of this year.

A discussion was held on the video to be prepared for the Regent's meeting. All video should be sent to Valdosta State University. Dr. Carl Cates is facilitating the production of the video although he expressed concern that the faculty member working on the project may not be available because of a family crisis. Carl stated that one of the problems with previous video is that the material was not shot appropriately. He suggested that a solution to the problem would include:

1. all areas need to be represented - greater diversity of shots
2. shoot professional quality video – in house
3. if not, ask for someone to come from Valdosta to shoot it
4. the material needs to be put in DVD or DVD-Pro format.

Dr. Cates, <ccates@valdosta.edu> indicated that he will send info about guidelines. He would like for material to start arriving as soon as possible.

Chairman Barrow announced that the charge for last year and this year was to see if Georgia Colleges and Universities were in compliance with Area F guidelines and outcomes for core courses. The group was divided into two groups to discuss if their schools were in compliance and to devise a plan for checking compliance for

the schools not at the meeting.

The groups reconvened at 12:10 pm to report their findings and Dr. Barrow asked for nominations from the floor for the Chair-Elect. Richard Green, Georgia College & State University was nominated and his nomination was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

Colleges and universities that were present seemed to be in compliance, but there was a question if all were in compliance. This would need to be further addressed.

The committee adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom L. Cato, Armstrong Atlantic State University, Rising Chair and Recorder

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