

# Meeting Minutes: Committee on Geological Sciences and Geography

## Meeting Minutes

### Academic Advisory Committee on Geological Sciences and Geography

23 March 2001

Coastal Georgia Community College, Brunswick, Georgia

Present:

J. Bartley (for J. Waters) - State Univ. of West Georgia

R. Capps - Augusta State

B. Carter - Georgia Southwestern

E. Chatelain - Valdosta State University

G. Ghuman - Savannah State

N. Maasha - Coastal Georgia Community College

V. Meentemeyer - University of Georgia

D. Rhodes - Georgia Southern

K. Sajwan - Savannah State

H. Trendell (Chair) - Kennesaw State

I. Meeting called to order at 10:05 AM by H. Trendell (Chair)

II. N. Maasha introduced the Dean of Academic Affairs at Coastal Georgia Community College, who welcomed the committee to campus.

III. Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

IV. Chair disseminated information from the Board of Regents (BOR) to the committee and a brief discussion was held about the information. There were no BOR items on the agenda requiring committee action.

V. New Business:

Chair suggested that the committee undertake a review of the status of Geographic Information Systems technology among the academic institutions in the state of Georgia for the purpose of:

A. Finding out what is available.

B. Sharing information among institutions.

C. Exploring networking and technology integration initiatives

D. Discussion was held as to the best way to develop an instrument to catalog:

1. GIS personnel (faculty/staff contacts)

2. Academic departments housing GIS technology

3. GIS hardware

4. GIS software
5. GIS programs/initiatives
  - a. Teaching
  - b. Research
  - c. Consulting
  - d. Community Service

- E. Chair agreed to use the facilities of his home institution to develop a "fill in the blank" form for use by academic institutions throughout the University System to catalog their GIS capabilities.
- F. The standard form would be used by institutions to report their findings to the chair who would serve as the compiler and disseminator of the information.
- G. Concerns was expressed over continued BOR support of GIS projects, particularly in terms of University System site licenses for GIS software, which were cut unexpectedly and inexplicably.
- H. The committee expressed unanimous support for the proposed catalog.

VI. Meentemeyer raised concerns from professors at Univ. of Georgia regarding name changes and statewide labeling of the core course in Geography (1101).

- A. The committee debated name change options, then decided to revisit the status of introductory geography classes in terms of course content and naming.
- B. The committee agreed to place the problem on the agenda for the next annual meeting with an eye to making recommendations to the BOR.

VII. J. Bartley instituted a discussion regarding the opportunities for collaboration with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources in terms of the statewide Water Resources Study Initiative. Suggestions were made as to individual institutional involvement in the study.

VIII. The committee agreed to hold its annual meeting in 2002 again in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Georgia Academy of Sciences in Milledgeville.

IX. Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

H.R. Trendell (Chair)

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