

Annual Meeting of the University System of Georgia Regents Advisory Committee on Geological Sciences and Geography

**Georgia College and State University
Milledgeville, GA
March 22, 2002
10:00 AM – 12 Noon**

Dean's Conference Room (Arts and Sciences 2-51)

Minutes

Members Present:

John R. Anderson - Perimeter College
Richard Capps - Augusta State University
Tom Deaton - Dalton State College
G. S. Ghuman - Savannah State University
Thomas Hanley - Columbus State University
Ntungwa Maasha - Coastal Georgia Community College
Harry Trendell - Kennesaw State University (Chair)
Johnny A. Waters - State University of West Georgia

1. 10:15 AM Chairman Trendell called the meeting to order and welcomed committee members.
2. There was no Board of Regents (BOR) information to discuss or disseminate.
3. A discussion was initiated regarding a rumor that the BOR would soon be receptive to propositions to increase the hours in certain majors beyond the present 120 hours required for graduation from University System of Georgia (USG) institutions.
4. A discussion of proposal for seamless requirements in Geology courses statewide, initiated by representatives from Georgia Perimeter College and Augusta State University.
The members determined that individual institutions have the ability to determine course sequencing for basic geoscience/geology courses to improve their viability and transferability throughout the USG.
5. Members were asked to make sure that the Intro to Geoscience course survey results were transmitted to Pam Gore at Perimeter College?
6. A discussion of the draft of the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Utilization Survey among the several institutions of the USG was initiated. Concern was voiced that

given the positive dissemination results of the survey the BOR should review its policy on site licensing and backing of the various programs using GIS. The chair indicated he would seek clarification of the site licensing policy given reports that the cost of license fees was endangering this cutting edge technology at several institutions, especially with budget cutbacks and redirection becoming the norm throughout the USG.

7. Dr. Ntungwa Maasha, geology professor from Coastal Georgia Community College, was unanimously elected to chair the Advisory Committee on Geological Sciences and Geography for a two year term beginning in the 2002-2003 academic year.

8. Chairman Trendell thanked the committee for their attendance and service, then adjourned the meeting at 11:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Harry Trendell
Kennesaw State University