

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Regents Academic Advisory Committee on History**

November 1, 2024 at 11:00 AM (via TEAMS)

### **Members in Attendance**

Joshua Butler (Albany State University), Edward Hightower (Atlanta Metropolitan State College), Adam Tate (Chair-Elect, Clayton State University) Michael Morris (College of Coastal Georgia), Sarah Mergel (Chair, Dalton State College), Dayna Daniely (Fort Valley State University), Nathan Orgill (Georgia Gwinnett College), Bronson Long (Georgia Highlands College), Robert Batchelor (Georgia Southern University), Bryan McGovern (Kennesaw State University), Kevin Jones (University of Georgia), Tamara Spike (University of North Georgia), Colleen Vasconcellos (University of West Georgia)

### **Meeting Minutes**

The Regents Academic Advisory Committee on History held a virtual meeting to discuss proposed changes to the Board of Regents policy governing the Georgia Legislative Requirement as well as proposed tasks for AY2024-2025.

#### Review of USG Guidance on GLR Changes

Sarah Mergel updated the members on a recent meeting she had with representatives from the USG Office of Academic Affairs about proposed changes to BOR Policy 3.3.4 on the legislative requirements covering United States and Georgia History and Constitutions. She noted specifically that while content experts had not contributed to the list, the USG felt confident instructors already covered the content listed. Additionally, she mentioned the USG did not believe institutions needed individual learning outcomes for each item. Broad learning outcomes would be sufficient. Institutions will be responsible for determining how faculty incorporate the listed items into the courses required to meet the legislative requirement at their institutions. Furthermore, the USG will work on putting together a repository of the primary sources listed for instructors teaching American history and American government to access. Discussion among the members followed leading to some follow up questions for the USG.

#### RAACH Tasks for AY 2024-2025

Sarah Mergel then provided the members with an overview of the tasks the USG hopes the academic advisory committees will address during the year. These tasks included reviewing Field of Study Guidelines (which the RAACH did in the last two years), reviewing the Common Course Listings ([https://www.usg.edu/academic\\_affairs\\_handbook/section2/C746](https://www.usg.edu/academic_affairs_handbook/section2/C746)) to ensure the table includes an accurate course description, credit hours, and a listing of the relevant IMPACTS Domain or Field of Study, ensuring institutional compliance with the FOS requirements ([https://www.usg.edu/curriculum/assets/curriculum/documents/History\\_Field\\_of\\_Study\\_June\\_6,\\_2024.pdf](https://www.usg.edu/curriculum/assets/curriculum/documents/History_Field_of_Study_June_6,_2024.pdf)), and providing guidance. Discussion among the members ensued resulting in a decision

that members will report to the chair on the credit hours and relevant IMPACTS/Field of Study Areas as well as on institutional compliance so the chair can prepare a report for the advisory committee to review/discuss at its February meeting.

#### Other Issues or Concerns

Lastly, the members present discussed the on-going concern about pressure to combine the legislative requirement into one course on campuses that previously did not combine the courses as well as the reasons why three institutions chose to offer the requirement in one course.

Having no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned around 10:50 AM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the RAAC-History will be on February 8, 2025.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Sarah Mergel.