

**RACEA Executive Committee Minutes**  
**January 2, 2025**  
**9:00-10:00 am**  
**Zoom**

**Elected Members:** Tom Lilly, Maggie Parker, Cara Smith, Michael Black, Mickey Williford, Betsy Cantrell, Nick Gewecke, Leigh Funk, Delena Gatch, Jim Lynch, Amy Warren

**Ex-officio Members:** Sabrina Thompson, Jill Lane

**AGENDA**

- Welcome *Tom Lilly*
- I. Minutes from previous meeting *Cara Smith*
- *Approval of 11/07/2024 minutes postponed until next meeting. We'll vote on both sets of minutes (11/07/24 and 1/2/25) at the February meeting.*
- II. Officer and Standing Committee Updates
- Treasurer's Report *Michael Black*
  - *No new update since last meeting from Treasurer*
  - Accreditation Intelligence Committee *Amy Warren*
  - *No update provided*
  - Board Initiatives Committee *Jim Lynch*
  - *No updates from committee*
  - Strategic IE Committee *Delena Gatch and Leigh Funk*
  - *No updates from committee*
- III. Representative Updates
- eCore *Nick Gewecke*
  - *Nothing new to report since December email. To recap, in November, eCore RAC met. The committee approved two new courses to be offered through eCore.*
  - Gen Ed Council *Delena Gatch*
  - *December meeting canceled. Postponed to 1/13. Several documents to review, including documents regarding eCore updates.*

**Addition to Agenda:**

- *Added to the agenda an update from system office, via Jill Lane. Nothing major to report at the moment but updates will be forthcoming given the new year and new initiatives and/or projects that are underway. However, worth noting is that the system (and others) are conducting a final review of a guidance document from USG regarding micro-credentials. Will be aligned to SACSCOC requirements.*
- *Discussion regarding Board policy change removing SACSCOC language from policy dated 11/14/2024. Language change aligns with other states. Does not have any definitive meaning to translate as of right now regarding institutions changing accreditors. The language just says that institutions must be approved by a regional accreditor, doesn't specify which, and doesn't imply that institutions must change accreditors every reaccreditation cycle.*

IV. Discussion of Structuring and Managing RACEA D2L Site

Tom Lilly

- *Tom proposed a task force to envision, discuss, and manage new D2L site. Charges for the committee could be to discuss content to include, how to ensure access to the site for all RACEA members, and to encourage use now that the site is available to us. Also to include discussions regarding what will make this site most useful to RACEA members. Suggestion for 'homework' for February meeting: EC members dive more deeply into the site to gain more familiarity and make this a top agenda item for our next meeting (February 6<sup>th</sup>).*

V. Discussion of Spring Business Meeting

Tom Lilly

- *Suggestion for spring meeting, given discussion regarding policy updates regarding accreditation choice, it will be important to have a USG representative at the spring meeting. It is anticipated that there will be many questions from RACEA members.*
- *From RACIRP: they sent notification that their annual meeting is 4/21-4/22 at Middle Georgia. Conference space is limited during this time. 4/21 has more space available than 4/22. This impacts the potential for a joint meeting between RACEA and RACIRP during these two days. Considerations for RACEA: do we schedule our annual meeting to coincide with RACIRP to better accommodate colleagues who have to attend both? Or would spreading them out be better so colleagues aren't away from the office for 4 or 5 days in a row? We (EC members) will look into other dates and availability of space at Middle Georgia to verify if space is (or is not) available the week of 4/21. Will look at other dates as well.*
- *USG Board meeting rules out week of 1/14-18 except perhaps the end of the week, 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>.*
- *Suggestion for session at spring meeting: invite a SACSCOC liaison to discuss changes and updates, including KFPI*
- *Jim will share Core IMPACTS panel idea with Board Initiatives committee and will preliminarily begin planning some content for Spring meeting.*

VI. Open Discussion and Adjourn

- *Next meeting (February) will be set aside for in-depth planning of Spring meeting.*