

RACEA Executive Committee
April 3, 2025
9:00-10:00 am
Zoom

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

Ex-officio Members: Sabrina Thompson, Jill Lane

AGENDA

Welcome

Tom Lilly

Approval of Minutes from February and March Meetings

Cara Smith

February and March minutes approved with no changes

Officer and Standing Committee Updates

- Treasurer's Report

Tom Lilly, on behalf of Michael Black

We have a vendor bid out for the food for the spring meeting, now just waiting for a formal invoice, but plans/logistics are moving along well.

- Accreditation Intelligence Committee

Amy Warren

No update submitted

- Board Initiatives *Jim Lynch*

Prep sheets are finalized for 3 panelists. The session logistics are finalized. Panel discussion should go well as it has a nice, structured approach. Tom will moderate.

- Strategic IE Committee

Delena Gatch and Leigh Funk

Working back from the survey from last spring. Will have a draft of handbook for spring meeting to discuss.

Representative Updates

- eCore

Nick Gewecke

They meet in a week and a half so nothing new right now.

- Gen Ed Council

Delena Gatch

Gen Ed has not met again in person, but they are discussing some E-Core courses via email and will have a virtual meeting next week.

System Update

Jill Lane

Sabrina Thompson

No new updates right now. Regents had a retreat last month and Sabrina presented accreditation overview for the board. There are many new board members who got this as new information.

The Board will discuss AI policies, procedures, and guidelines for institutions at their next meeting. There needs to be mention of AI in academic integrity policy but it seems that this will be up to the institutions to determine their own AI policies and language to be added in academic publications.

Looking at policy regarding semester length.

Keeping an eye on the DEI bill.

Spring Business Meeting

Maggie Parker

- Updates on registrations and meeting costs

Registration numbers are looking promising; 36 are registered. A reminder to register will be sent to the general listserv and to institutions that have not registered any representatives. The cost for the spring meeting is a bit higher because we are now being charged for room reservations. This is something to consider for next year and determine if this is the most cost-effective venue.

- Needs/Volunteer: Organizing Networking Dinner

Tom will call and make reservations for networking dinner at Rookery if it is available.

- Elections – Cara, are there things you need/help?

Solicit nominees ahead of time or day of? Can do both. Tom can put out a general call. We know we will need nominations for secretary and new task force (if approved).

- Tuesday moderated accreditation discussion

Tom will open the discussion on Monday morning, during introductions, to invite everyone to submit questions/comments/inquiries before Tuesday morning. Cara will create a QR code and have it ready for Monday morning.

- Updates from USG at spring meeting

Jill will provide legislative updates. Will discuss this further prior to the meeting. Same with Laura Lynch. There will be an update from USG Academic Affairs. Other topics? Update on Smartsheet? Update on academic program stuff? Update on degree waivers? External site cleanup? All good topics for Dr. Lynch. Jill also suggested a possible update on the workforce development task force, which has been charged with coming up with the Georgia Navigator and Credential Navigator. Laura and Jill can both speak to this. Jill will try to coordinate with Angie, which topics will be addressed at the joint meeting (RACEA and RAC-IRP). Need to make final decisions regarding what is appropriate for the joint meeting and then what needs to be covered just at RACEA.