



REGENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON STUDENT LIFE (RACSL)

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

FALL MEETING – November 18, 2013

University of North Georgia- Dahlonega

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***RACSL ATTENDEES:***

Bernice Hughes	Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Alan Kramer	Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Gwinetta Trice	Albany State University
Iris Shanklin	Atlanta Metropolitan State College
Cori Loftis	Board of Regents
Natasha Hutson	Clayton State University
Amber Lesicko	Dalton State College
Vicki Sherrod	East Georgia College
Brian Byrd	Fort Valley State University
Sean Espinosa	Georgia College & State University
Tom Miles	Georgia College & State University
Maria Lumpkin	Georgia Gwinnett College
John Spranza	Georgia Highlands College- Rome
Megan Youngblood	Georgia Highlands College-Cartersville
Theodora Johnson	Georgia Perimeter College-Dunwoody
Stephan Moore	Georgia Perimeter College-Clarkston
Johnny Tooson	Georgia Perimeter College-Decatur
Gina Thurman	Georgia Regents University
Lauryn Johnson	Kennesaw State University*Secretary
Bernard McCrary	Kennesaw State University
Dee Lindsay	Middle Georgia State College
Desmond Stowe	Savannah State University
Kimberly Goler	Southern Polytechnic State University
Ron Lunk	Southern Polytechnic State University
Brenda Adams	University of North Georgia- Gainesville
Lindsay Bailey	University of North Georgia-Oconee
Jen Cohen	University of North Georgia- Dahlonega
Mimi Fortune	University of North Georgia- Dahlonega
Cara Ray	University of North Georgia- Gainesville
Stacie Rowley	University of North Georgia-Oconee *Chair
Wes Thomas	University of North Georgia- Dahlonega
Emily Teitelbaum	University of West Georgia

## AGENDA

### 8:30am Breakfast and Check-In

9:00am Welcome and Introductions, agenda/minutes review,  
Special Welcome: Dr. Tom Walter, Vice President of Student Affairs

- *Stacey welcomed everyone*
- *Introductions*
- *Passed around a sympathy card for Amy Carter*
- *Housekeeping announcements*

9:30am RACSL Listserv Update (Stacie Rowley)

- *Passed around a list of list serv subscribers; instructed everyone to take off names that are not suppose to be on the list*

9:45am Off Campus Alcohol Policy (Amber Lesicko)

- *What are the off campus alcohol policies for university sponsored events?*
  - *Students at Amber's campus cannot go to a bar and drink but can go to a basketball game and drink*
- *Others' feedback:*
  - *UGA and other schools do not have a alcohol policies for off campus*
  - *Do something with the university contract*
    - *Is the university contractual bound to serve alcohol to students? Check on that.*
    - *"They are allowed to sell alcohol because a third party company is selling it"*
  - *Alcohol on and off campus is hard to monitor*
  - *Check with the alcohol policy as it relates to the insurance*
  - *How are you monitoring off campus venue alcohol use?*
  - *Do you require pre-event forms? Yes.*
  - *Professionals can potentially have a drink with students at basketball games but cannot have drinks with them during other events*
  - *There are no policies that police alcohol use off campus*
  - *Amber's campus has a form they must sign that requires student leaders to agree to an alcohol clause*
    - *Many other campuses do not have forms like these*
  - *Meghan's campus is not completely alcohol free; there are sanctioned events authorized by the President where alcohol can be served*
  - *Are we really a dry campus? Not, necessarily.*
    - *Call the student life department a dry department*

- *Suggest that groups get liability insurance (\$1-\$2 million)*
  - *Mostly Greek organizations are required to have it at a couple of institutions*
- *Look at other institutions outside of the USG for ideas on this*
- *Legal and liability issues are associated with alcohol use by student—needs research*
- *Look at who owns the property (LLC, PPV, etc) that alcohol is allowed in*

10:00am Smoking Policies (Cara Ray)

- *The former Gainesville state campuses were completely tobacco free and other campus were not... trying to figure out what the policy should be.*
- *Middle GA state allows smoking on designated areas*
  - *Other campuses find it hard to enforce smoking policies*
- *Tobacco can only be used at smoke huts on Amber's campus*
  - *Pattern?*
- *Example: gcsu.edu/smokingareas*
- *Is there a group that looks at these policies from a consolidation perspective?*
- *“If you want to smoke and dip on campus, do it in your car- it's your property” – Meghan Youngblood*
- *In consolidated institutions, are policy reviewed and modified annually?*
  - *If so, is this something that requires every campus' input and approval?*

10:15am E-Cigarettes (John Spranza)

- *Where does e-cigarettes fall in the confines of traditional smoking policies?*
- *Where do we put these e-cigarettes in our smoking policies?*
  - *FDA has not given a definitive answer on whether or not these are dangerous*
- *Can you change the language to say “cigarettes and e-cigarettes”?*
- *Georgia Regents is tobacco free and there policies include e-cigarettes*
  - *It was led by the Cancer center and there research showed that e-cigarettes are dangerous*
  - *The challenge is that they are not harmful to others who don't use them*
- *Hookah use in a residence hall? Any policies?*
  - *SPSU said that hookah is included in their smoking policy*
- ***Georgia Regents (Gina Thurman), please share research***

10:30am USG/BOR Report (Cori Loftis)

- *Student Health Insurance Program (SHIP)*
  - *The plan for SHIP will not change in the new year*
  - *Next year (August 1), it will require students to elect in the BOR plan or to go on the exchange*
  - *The exchange does not have affordable plans for health insurance*

- *Are there any changes on the international coverage? Haven't heard anything yet.*
- *Dr. Joyce Jones's report*
  - *Some of the issues discussed with the SGA leaders*
    - *Campus engagement – how do we get more students involved in extra-curricular activities?*
    - *Half of the campuses have tradition committees*
    - *Consolidations*
      - *Latest announcement of the consolidation for KSU and SPSU*
      - *Widespread concern of the entire group*
    - *Inquired about the state of SPSU's campus climate since the announcement*
      - *Ron Lunk reported:*
        - *Students have quieted down- no more protests*
        - *There are concerns surrounding the identity of SPSU*
        - *“Time of healing” for students*
        - *Starting January, we will work toward focusing on transitioning the students into their new identity and culture*
  - *Traditions are important when there are more consolidations to come*
  - *They did have a panel of students at the SGA meeting that talked about the benefits of consolidation*
  - *There will be additional consolidations, per the chancellor*
  - *The students made several suggestions about keeping the name of their institution that risks losing most of its identity*
  - *BOR focuses on the decline in enrollment, low degree productivity, and the lack of graduating students in GA state institutions*
  - *There is no new money from enrollment – 40% in comparison to 80%*
  - *Who's next for consolidations? That is what the students wanted to know but nobody knows*
  - *HBCUs expressed concerns about losing identity*
    - *Are HBCUs excluded from the process? No.*
  - *What is the ultimate goal for consolidated institutions?*
    - *There is not a set number, but most states have about 20 public institutions*
    - *When considering consolidation, review covers how resources can be shared*
  - *There is a website on the BOR website that showcases the “formula” for consolidation*
    - ***Dr. Jones, send out the guidelines that spell out what must be met for consolidation***
  - *Bringing down administrative cost discussed at SGA meeting? ... No recall.*
  - *There should be some type of institutional fee committee that looks at the budget assessing activity fees—students are interested in how to maximize the use of those fees*

- *Students should be involved in those committees*
- *Maybe students need clarification on the use of fees*
- *Safety issues was a concern across all campuses*
  - *There are grants available for safety*
  - *Students are concerned with the increase in crimes*
    - *Not necessarily on campus but in neighborhoods in the immediate communities*
    - *There have been some student deaths*
  - *Enrollment figures are out and we are short about 1.6 percent, which translates to... **Dr. Jones, forwarded enrollment figure translations***
- *Any updates on Public-Private financing...?*
  - *You will need to have your 5- or 6-year enrollment plan well put together*
  - *Do not ask for increases in fees*
    - *Be very careful about asking for any additional anything*
- *With declining resources, we do not have the state funds to provide cushion*
  - *Hope, Pell, and other support is going down so we have to be restrictive on applying more financial pressures on students*
- *Review budgets and assess the use of fees – are students coming to these events?*
- *If your justification for fee increases will increase graduation rates, then there is a higher probability that your request will be entertained by the BOR*
- *Read the Complete College Georgia Plan*
- *Housing is asking the same questions as Student Life*
  - *Connect with Residence Life*
- ***Dr. Joyce, send PPV question to list serv***
- *There was some discussion about nontraditional students nto getting their “piece of the pie” when it comes to programming*
- *Review the constitution and by-laws of SGAs and look at including succession planning*
  - *Especially, for consolidated schools*

10:45am Consolidation Updates

11:00am Shared Services/New Vendor Forms (Stacie Rowley)

- *For consolidated campuses, have you experienced challenges with getting artists to fill them out?*
  - *Out of state vendors have had challenges with filling out the new form causing one institution to change vendors*
  - *Was told that it is only being used at consolidated instutions*
    - *Non-consolidated schools have used them*
  - *Immigration form (e-Verify) has to be filled out for prices that exceed \$2500*

- *A form that you have to have filled out every time a price exceeds \$2500*
- *Experiencing many problems with this form*
  - *Is this required by state law?*

11:15am 24/7 Access (Kathy Alday)

- *Has anyone offered space to faith based groups for 24/7 prayer?*
  - *No other schools have had issues of this type*
- *Lincoln University had a space for faith based groups that were given space for prayer 24/7, monitored by police*

11:30am OrgSync Presentation

**12pm Lunch**

1:00pm Tour of Student Center (Jen Cohen and Mimi Fortune)

1:30pm Agency Accounts (Cara Ray)

- *Are student organizations required to put fundraising money in an agency account?*
  - *Yes.*
  - *It depends. If the money raised will directly benefit the purpose of the organization, it can go back in the organization account; but all others, need to go in the agency account.*
  - *Cannot mix 13000 funds with any other outside funds?*
    - *Depends on the institution*

1:45pm Student Food Pantries

- ***Lauryn or Bernard, Send KSU's food pantry policies to the list serv***

2:00pm Travel Agreements/Contracts (Wes Thomas)

- ***All, send copies of travel agreements/contracts to list serv***
- *Follow the code of conduct for the university when traveling*
- *Athletic groups and other groups follow the same rules laid out in the travel agreements/contracts, university policies*
- *If student funds are used to pay for the trip and you abuse campus policies during sanctioned event time, then you risk being in violation of the student code of conduct and/or other policies.*
- *Taken students to different events, do you require them to travel back the same way they came?*
  - *Most institutions said they let them go in alternative modes of transportation*
  - *Is the university liable for releasing students during a university trip?*

- *An example was brought up stating that there was a situation where student was released and something unfortunate happened and the parent tried to hold the school liable but the university was not held liable.*
    - *Get the students to sign a release before they are allowed to leave*
    - *If there is no release, have a witness*
    - *Encourage the students to stay*
    - *You cannot hold students hostage*
- *Do any of the forms indicate that they have to travel in a university vehicle with staff/faculty? No.*

2:15pm      *New Student Orientation (Dee Lindsay)*

- *Week of welcome is paid for by student activities*
- *\$185 is the new student orientation fee for Albany State; \$55 is the new student orientation fee for Savannah State.*
- *Do you have to pay for housing and dining services for orientation?*
  - *Housing and dining contracts are combined. Needs to be built into their rates.*

2:30pm      *Orientation Group (Sharon Komaneky)*

- *Who all does orientation in Student Life? Several people raised their hand.*
- *Sharon wanted to know if anyone was interested in having a RACSL style group for orientation*
  - *Most replied no.*

2:45pm      *Position Announcements*

- *Dalton State, Coordinator for Orientation and Leadership (Masters degree required; start date: March/April)*
- *University of North GA-Gainesville, Administrative Assistant*
- *University of North GA-Gainesville, Associate Dean for Student Life*
- *OrgSync, has two positions*
- *Georgia College, Office Coordinator*
- *Georgia College, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life (\$50,000 salary)*
- *Savannah State, Director of Housing (bachelors required; masters preferred; tons of experience)*

3:00pm      *Upcoming Conferences & Meetings*

- *Next Generation Conference, November 22<sup>nd</sup> in Athens*
- *Administrative Professionals Conference, Friday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> at SPSU*
- *Joint Social with NC's CPA and SC's CPA at ACPA in Indianapolis, in March/April*
- *L3 Summit @ University of North GA in Dahlonega, May 19-24<sup>th</sup>*

3:15pm Dismissal

3:30pm OrgSync Question/Answer (optional)

- *Next meeting is May 19<sup>th</sup>, Georgia Regents University (Summerville Campus)*