

Meeting opened by Dee Minter at 10:00 am - Serving as Chair

Dee Minter, Chair
Steve Hamrick, Vice Chair
Cherise Peters, Secretary

Introduction from the floor of new colleagues: *(some names may have been omitted or misspelled, please contact Cherise Peters, Secretary for revision or addition)*

Linda Kroftman, Savannah State, Registrar; Wendy Smith, North Georgia, Registrar; Aaron Davis; Bernée Long, Director of Admissions at Albany State; Sarah Wenham, Director of Student Access, BOR; Courtney Williams, Macon State, Director of Recruitment; Lauren Bowen, Macon State, Admissions; Justin Barlow, Admissions; Dennis Murphy; Alba Rodriquez, Savannah State University, Assistant Registrar; Wendy Smith, Assistant Registrar, Middle Georgia College; Rick Lamberson, Asst. Director of Admissions, Savannah State University; Linda Crossman, Registrar, Savannah State University; Karen Jones, East Georgia, Director of Admissions; Erin Davis, Admissions, Georgia Gwinnett College; Kristi McBride, Admissions, Georgia Gwinnett College; Arlena Stanley, Admissions, Georgia Gwinnett College; Selena Darter, Registrar, Georgia Gwinnett College; Janet Stracher, Registrar, East Georgia College

Discussion of minutes: Kris Biesinger and Dee Minter's name to be corrected.

Minutes approved as amended

New Business:

Kris Biesinger – update on GOML initiative:

GOML new website launched 10/10 to give access to students looking for online distance education. We currently have 70 programs from 16 institutions. Over 20000 courses (28 institutions); as of last week 10000 courses (15 institutions) Trying to create a push to get spring courses out on the system.

Goals are to get the courses out earlier for all schedules for students. Site went live due to the effort of many people. Course information comes directly out of Banner.. Course search capability went live 10/10.

Kris then spoke about what is on the site. A portal of the course information is provided for each campus. Kris then showed the GOML website. Site is a work in progress. Based on her research – we are a state with the largest number of providers who provide distance education... (31).

The 2nd goal USG strategic goal is to address populations that we don't address in very large numbers. Distance education is seen as an opportunity to deal with this in regards to space and facility issues.

Goal to double our participation rate in dist. Ed by 2012.

Question: Is ECORE going to be decommissioned in 2008?

Answer: Kris responded – no. Chancellor's visits to campus and discussions resulted in Chancellor's request to revisit ECORE. It may change a bit by next fall. Currently have 6 ECORE institutions (only ones allowed to offer the ECORE credit). No more affiliates to subcommittees review. Current model doesn't scale very easily.

The Franchise model was conceived to address these issues. It is an exclusive model. Their commitment is that they will do it in a way that meets the demand. They must be customer centric and have techniques that measure outcome assessments. E-tuition will be used but will go directly to the program that offers the program. We have five institutions, 8 different programs. We have 3 models... 1. Institution only offers the degree; 2. Institution shares degree with another institution; 3. Several institutions share all degrees. Institutions requested help with a registration system. It was offered through CampusManagement. Franchise programs are being marketed under the Showcase on the GOML website. The franchise institutions went through Lean Six Sigma training to see what steps and/or requirements are needed at admission.

Kris asked that anything this group can do to help market this program (audiences, schools, etc.) it would be helpful. She would provide more brochures if someone requested it.

Question: Who is going to be responsible for the system integration?

Answer: We have a team in OIIT to make that available as part of Georgia Mod... to look at integration. *(team includes staff/faculty from the efranchise institutions below)*

Valdosta, Columbus, Georgia State, and Georgia Southern

Question: Where do you see the two year schools fitting into this process? (GA Perimeter)

Question: The Military initiative..... GA perimeter very involved. Huge increase in military wanting to take distance courses.

Kris then led a discussion about the memo from the Chancellor regarding the enrollment report and meeting the date for the numbers this semester. We need to come up with strategies so that we are no longer late.

Census date is the date all institutions freeze enrollment.

Dee Minter asked for confirmation that the official system headcount will be taken from the midpoint census submission.

Kris and Lori Fernandez, Data Warehouse Project Manager in OIIT will lead this initiative to make sure this happens. They are committed to reducing this confusion so that it gets done.

Reid Christenberry will be coming back to USG as the Assoc. Vice Chancellor, OIIT Operations.

Executive Director of Enterprise Systems – were not ready to close on that with any candidate. That position will be advertised. Beverly Norwood currently wearing that hat.

Additional shuffling of personnel in OIIT. All technical writers will be moved under one unit by Marie Steed. Under Kris, the services side (library, instructional technology, help desk, resource management)

Brian Fennigan- production and development services. Leading effort for new registration systems.

Bonnie Stevens passed out ADM due dates (Cathie Hudson will send out something official)

Fall 2007 – changed from Dec. 7 to January 3rd.....(second submission)

Spring 2008 – changed May 5th to May 15th

Summer 2008 – Bonnie proposes changing summer to July 8th. Will take back dates to Cathie and SIRS committee.

Lori Fernandez then gave an update on the ADM process. She indicated her commitment to improving communication and changes to ADM edits. There followed some discussion and feedback on the topics of fee waivers and current practice in regards to residency. Lori also mentioned that institutions now have a place to go and review official numbers. She suggested we take this information back to the person responsible

for ADM at our institutions. Lori reminded the group that **our end of term processing for Fall must be complete by January 3rd**. Several questions were then asked relative to timeline, extraction process, etc.

Tanya Lam then addressed the group with the USG update:

Focusing on the strategic plan: August – BOR approved the strategic plan. She quickly reviewed the six strategic goals.

1. Renewing Excellence in Undergraduate Education to Meet Student's 21st Century Educational Needs.
2. Creating Enrollment Capacity to Meet the Needs of 100,000 Additional Students by 2020
3. Increasing the University System of Georgia's Participation in Research and Economic Development to the Benefit of a Global Georgia
4. Strengthening the University System of Georgia's Partnerships with the State's Other Education Agencies.
5. Maintaining Affordability so that Money is Not a Barrier to Participation in the Benefits of Higher Education.
6. Increasing Efficiency, Working as a System

An update on the GTP (Guaranteed Tuition Plan): Tanya gave a brief summary about the GTP plan and how it works. Guarantee tuition plan and a continuing rate. Tomorrow at the BOR meeting it will be proposed to add what is called the "Part-time student tuition plans" This has been discussed across the system – and it was recommended not to do it. However, the chancellor wants to move forward.

Basically – at the end of the guaranteed rate (associated with the institution)/continuing rate term, once their time is over – if they have only earned 48 hours or less than they will be eligible for the part time students continuing rate forever. Effective immediately for first group of students with guaranteed tuition rate (estimated 2009). Please send questions and concerns to Tanya Lam so that the group can address them.

Walter Peacock asked for feedback on this group's concern about not hearing anything back regarding not including transient student's as a part of this GTP policy. Tanya apologized and offered that he could resubmit this request.

Tanya then spoke about the success of the high school electronic transcript process. They are doing final testing this week – and they are now able to ask high counselors to begin

submission of transcripts. So far we have already had 343 high school transcripts have been submitted electronically by 89 high schools. Tanya indicated we will be asked to identify our feeder high schools. It will be up to all of us to get this information out to the high schools when you do high school visits or talk to counselors. The process is not much different than what they do now to send transcript information for HOPE. Student will have to officially give permission. If you have problems with the process or hadn't signed up for the demos, Sarah Wenham at the BOR can assist. They are putting in the header and footer sections so that it can be downloaded into our imaging system.

There was general consensus that this has to be better marketed to the high school counselors. This is available to any high school that is participating in the HOPE program – public or private. There was some discussion that this could be made a mandatory way for all high schools to submit. This electronic transcript does not have any edits (as in the past).

Karen Nunn then addressed the group on the status of the transfer history/ transcript override issue. She indicated OIIT had been working very hard with Sungard and was close to resolution. All of the top rank critical ones have been corrected. We need to make a decision if we can move forward – and give work around for transfer override issue. **Please respond back to Karen (Karen.nunn@usg.com) within the next ten days. This will be posted to the RACRA listserv.** *Tanya asked is anyone exchanging now? No one said they were.*

There was some discussion about REGENTS GPA. The regents gpa should display on the Georgia mod transcript. Must we post the GPA on an outgoing transcript? Tanya believes it says yes in the academic affairs handbook section 2.05 under grading system – last paragraph.

There was discussion on the GTP attributes. A document was given out with the specifics.

Karen announced that USG and Georgia State University would be working together collaboratively as a Beta site for Banner 8.0.

Dee Minter moved the discussion to items asked to be submitted to RACRA:

1. Effects of 2007 HOPE changes – (Tanya Lam) It was projected that about 34% students were not eligible for HOPE this year. BOR could not pinpoint a change in enrollment for HOPE – but perhaps for the freshman class. Also there may have been a strain and additional need for resources provided by financial aid. Kennesaw state indicated they had 300K more in loans – and a 'slow pay' phenomenon. They had to give

student's additional time to pay. Others felt that this may eventually impact retention. Loans were up and HOPE was down. Kennesaw and others felt that additional discussion about this should come from the system level. Tanya Lam also talked about how we accept credit at the IB level. The system is trying to get a better understanding of how IB works and how each institution should accept IB credit. The next step is AP credit.

2. The new HS graduation requirements: The thought is that the new HS scores on the new graduation test will have more value and will be used for placement in place of the SAT or ACT....(two year schools) Also, based on the American Diploma project – the foreign language requirement will no longer be needed for graduation of HS – but will be required for admission into institutions in the USG. There will no longer be two diploma types...no tech prep. The American sign language will be accepted as satisfying the CPC foreign language requirement for any student...(not just hearing impaired).

3. Pilot Admissions Project: Question: What is the assessment of the pilot admission policy? Answer: T. Lam – has not yet seen the assessment. The commitment was made to see this through the end of three years...this spring. Can not foresee any change by the next Fall. More probably the Fall of 2009 to see if this would be continued.

4. Compass Scores from DTAE colleges (non COC schools). Tanya read the drafted policy: An institution may accept a non accredited COC scores compasses as long as ACT authorized the institution.

5. Criminal Convictions: How are we dealing with students that have charges that are still pending against them? The group felt there were more and more students with charges pending against them. Not until adjudication is finished – or pending until review. The general consensus is that you are looking at what the charges are.

6. Weighting of joint enrollment courses in the calculation of the HOPE GPA. Some concerns about not weighting Joint enrollment courses the same as AP for HOPE. Dee Minter wanted to know if this group wanted to make a suggestion to the legislature on this issue.

7. Appropriate codes for Residency Waivers: Need a distribution of all the new codes. Also clarification on the economic advantage waiver (the intent of the waiver is used for someone that has transferred due to employment) - Tanya Lam: It is currently in the policy manual. The campus can make them up – but they need to be crosswalk.

Motion: RACRA recommend to XXXXXX that joint enrollment credit be treated the same way as AP and IB credit in the high school HOPE calculation. (*Action item to send out to the LISTSERV*). **Rationale** – That OUR (USG) courses do not count the same as AP and IB. **The motion was seconded and approved (1 opposition).** There needs to be data driving this. Send Dee Minter an email if you would like to be a part of this discussion.

Dee Minter wants to know whether we should continue with all three groups in our Spring meeting. Recommendation to continue the joint meeting but have an overnight meeting in the Spring. The recommendation is the officers' will get back to the other groups and see if this is a good thing. If there is going to be just pushing information out – we may need to have meeting held in other ways.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:43pm