



Regents' Administrative Committee Institutional Research & Planning

Fall 2025 Meeting Minutes

Date: October 7, 2025

Location: Online - Microsoft Teams

Introductions

Samantha James, RAC-IRP Chair, Georgia Institute of Technology, started the meeting at 8:30 by welcoming attendees to the meeting and introducing the Executive Committee members.

Presentations

Angela (Angie) Bell, Vice Chancellor for Research and Policy Analysis, University System of Georgia, Lori Hagood, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research and Policy Analysis, and Rachana Bhatt, Director of Research and Data Analytics, provided a variety of updates from the USG System Office, with emphasis on updates from the areas of Research and Policy Analysis and Enterprise Data Management and Analytics. Angie focused on policy topics and cross-functional projects, Lori presented on data analytics projects by RPA staff, and Rachana discussed the Dual Enrollment analytics project underway as part of the State College Data Analytics initiative. A copy of the slide deck was distributed via listserv.

Rich Loftus, Associate Vice Chancellor for Strategic Implementation, University System of Georgia, provided an update on the Unified ERP project. A copy of the slide deck was distributed via listserv.

Patrick Harris, Senior Associate for Digital Solutions and IPEDS Reporting, University System of Georgia, and Leslie Hodges, Senior Research Professional, University System of Georgia, provided updates related to IPEDS reporting. Patrick discussed significant changes in IPEDS reporting for the current 25-26 cycle, including the potential addition of the Admissions and Consumer Transparency Supplement (ACTS) survey component that is proposed to begin as part of the Spring 2026 IPEDS collection, and some other factors impacting the United States Department of Education that impact IPEDS and related educational research. Leslie provided updates related to the Human Resources Data Collection, which impacts the Human Resources IPEDS survey component. A copy of the slide deck was distributed via listserv.

Business Meeting

At 11:00am, Samantha James called the Business Meeting to order.

Allan Aycok, RAC-IRP Treasurer, presented the financial statement. The financial statement was approved by the committee.

Nicholas Gewecke, RAC-IRP Secretary, presented the Spring 2025 minutes for approval. These meeting minutes were approved by the committee.

Samantha James provided a Chair Summary. Samantha noted Allan Aycock's forthcoming retirement and announced Kelly Slaton as Interim Treasurer through the Spring 2026 meeting. Samantha briefly discussed the Georgia Association for Institutional Research, Planning, Assessment, and Quality (GAIRPAQ) and noted that there are several board positions open, with interested parties directed to contact Jason Wang, GAIRPAQ President and Senior Director of Institutional Research and Planning at Georgia Institute of Technology. The change in designation of RAC-IRP from a Regents' Administrative Committee to being a Chief Academic Office (CAO) Advisory Team (CAT) was discussed briefly, and Samantha noted that the post-meeting feedback survey would include a question about members' thoughts about the updated acronym for the committee. Samantha also noted that the committee bylaws are due for review and that any changes to the bylaws would be voted on at the Spring 2026 meeting. Samantha encouraged everyone to complete the feedback survey, for which a QR code was provided during the meeting and a link was distributed via listserv.

Lauren Farmer, Past Chair, officially opened nominations for the roles of Chair-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. An email explaining the roles, eligibility, and providing an opportunity to submit nominations was distributed via listserv.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20am.