

Minutes

Regents Advisory Committee for Communication Studies, Fall Meeting

Friday, Nov. 15, 3:00; online through Microsoft Teams

Present: Jason Guthrie (Clayton State University), Jonathan W. Hull (University System of Georgia), David Bulla (Augusta University; Jaye Atkinson (Georgia State University), Travice Obas (Georgia Highlands College), Danna Gibson (Columbus State University), Brian Kline (University of North Georgia), Jonathan Carter (Georgia Southwestern State University), Crystal Anderson (South Georgia State College), William Culverhouse (Valdosta State), Sheree Keith (Middle Georgia State University), Austin Moore (Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College), Kyle Fox (College of Coastal Georgia), Barbara Tucker (Dalton State College, recording minutes), Keith Perry (Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College), Pamela Sears (Georgia Southern University), Niaz Khan (Georgia Gwinnett College), Roger Stahl (University of Georgia)

Not present: representatives from Albany State University; Fort Valley State University; Atlanta Metropolitan State College; Gordon State College; Kennesaw State University; University of West Georgia; East Georgia State College; Savannah State University; Georgia College and State University; Georgia Technological University

David Bulla started the meeting, noting the amount of damage from Hurricane Helene with info about the damage to Augusta and the South Georgia region.

(I don't think we voted on minutes?)

He announced what we would have to vote for officers in spring. Jaye Atkinson will take over as President, Jonathan Carter as ~~XXX~~, and Barbara Tucker will be moving off from Secretary/Treasurer. We are not legal in this meeting under current by laws.

The first order of business was to vote to approve the new by-laws, which were circulated before the meeting. This will make online meetings acceptable, among other matters. It was determined that there was not a 2/3 level quorum, so there will be a digital vote. Pamela Sears noted a typographical error in Article 2, which was corrected.

The next item was to discuss the Spring 2025 meeting. Although that meeting has been traditionally at Georgia Communication Association Annual Conference, it is not clear that everyone could attend that way. We voted to meet virtually on February 6 at 3:00 p.m., using Teams.

The third item was to onboard a new Secretary Treasurer, for next semester. Travice Obas volunteered for this role.

David Bulla called for discussion of other items

Jonathan Carter explained the Regents Cup competition, which started with actual established debate and speech teams and now has spread out to other students. There might be funds to help with travel and small scholarships.

Danna Gibson asked for help with a study about Columbus State's radio station and sustaining its use. Members mentioned that Helene showed the reason for terrestrial radio.

Jason Guthrie asked the RACC about the curriculum for the Field of Study block in their Communication program. The proposed changes will help the transfers, of which they have many. It was noted by a member that in Communication Studies majors, there needs to be a cultural emphasis course. Jason said he will investigate how the required introduction to media studies intro course addresses that element.

Danna Gibson asked the group how the IMPACTS curriculum is affecting their institutions, specifically since Communication courses are commonly put in the Institutional Priorities block and the number of hours allotted there differs per institution. The issue of COMM 1110 versus COMM 1100 is also involved. There is a sense that IMPACTS is not necessarily achieving the goal of consistency. Discussion ensued over specific cases.

David Bulla made a motion to adjourn. First and second made. RACC confirmed.

Submitted,

Barbara G. Tucker