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Southern Polytechnic State University has a degree proposal before the Board of Regents that requires approval by the CAAC. After a small amount of discussion, the proposed Bachelor of Science with a major in Chemistry (with secondary teacher certification) program was unanimously approved by the CAAC.

Jim Baxter of Valdosta State informed the group that Valdosta State University proposes to rename its course CHEM 1010 Chemistry for World Citizens, which has a lab component and is a 4 credit-hour course, to Introductory Chemistry for Environmental Studies. The name change was approved unanimously.

Jim Baxter also related that Valdosta State is participating in a proposal to develop a UTeach program site at Valdosta State.

It was discussed that the CAAC had been asked to develop Area F Learning Outcomes. There was quite a bit of discussion on this point, with the general feeling that it would be very difficult to come up with learning outcomes for a set of courses. Tim Howell agreed to chair a sub-committee to investigate the question and Tom Crute and Mark Mitchell agreed to be on the committee. The sub-committee is to discuss the issue and make a recommendation to the CAAC. Something like the following was suggested: The students will demonstrate competence in scientific reasoning by using quantitative and qualitative skills to critically analyze data and evaluate chemical phenomena.

There was a general discussion of the safety audit being conducted by the USG. Outcomes and recommendations from the audit varied widely among the institutions.

There was a question brought before the group asking if it would be possible to develop a list of teaching loads for full-time faculty among the different USG institutions. A survey was taken among the institutions represented, but it was requested that a more complete poll be taken, and it was agreed that Mark Mitchell would send out an email requesting the information from the different chemistry department chairs, which would then be compiled and sent out to the CAAC membership.

Deborah Sauder (Georgia Gwinnett College) is developing symposia for the 2013 SERMACS meeting to be held in Atlanta. If you have an interest in organizing a symposium, please contact her.

John DeCesare mentioned that Georgia Southern University had submitted a proposal for a M.S. Degree in the Physical Sciences, and that he was not sure whether or not the CAAC would be receiving that proposal for review.

NOTE: You all should have received an email from Marci Middleton at the Board of Regents regarding this proposal last Friday (May 13, 2011). Marci has requested responses by July 6. If you have any concerns or questions, please let me know. I will try to

