



**Annual Summer Meeting
Regents Advisory Committee on Academic Affairs
Savannah State University
Meeting Notes
July 12, 2009**

RACAA meeting notes.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Anderson Smith. Minutes of the past two meetings were approved (Summer 2008 and Fall 2009).

Dr. Tim Renick shared some of Georgia State University's decisions concerning budgets and faculty furloughs. GSU is normally open for the full calendar year. This year they plan to close for 2 weeks (Holiday break). The estimated savings is \$400,000 in utilities. The next option they may exercise is closing for Thanksgiving as well. These closings take under consideration that international students may not be able to leave the campus as well as science labs, animal care, etc. that would need to continue during the closings. The initial pre – furlough plan is to have staff save vacation days for the closings. Some staff may be allowed to work and accomplish things that cannot be done while the institution is operational. Main issue is how to spread pay loss over several months and not just the timeframe that the institution is closed. Special attention must be paid to international scholars and others with federal contracts. Students will be responsible for their own food during this time period. Kennesaw State University closed for Holiday Break last year.

Dr. Linda Noble reminded VPAAAs of the need for an institutional policy that addresses lectures and senior lectures. Georgia State University and Kennesaw State University are good resources for this information.

Dr. Marci Middleton presented a PowerPoint on comprehensive program review (a copy was forwarded via email to all VPAAAs.) She has distributed a survey with a due date of August 15, 2009. A Program can be deemed unviable by an institution via a memo to the Director of Academic Programs announcing the change. Dr. Herbst deferred to the VPAAAs on decisions of when submitting an program accreditation report as proof of a comprehensive program review.

General discussion

University of West Georgia needs eCore instructors and Dr. Sandra Stone requested faculty from any campus.

The Regents' test – the continuation or discontinuation of this test is an ongoing topic. Resolution may come after the core curriculum is in place.

Faculty Development workshops will be held in Athens this year. Later this month professional development workshop for academic leaders will be conducted (new department heads, deans, etc. via WIMBA.

GCSU will send and FYI to BOR concerning desire to place global endorsements on transcripts, international plan goes on diploma.

Dr. Lendley Black, chair elect will chair RACAA 2009 – 2010. Dr. Virginia Michelich was elected chair – elect for 2009 – 2010.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.