

**University System of Georgia**  
**Board of Regents Academic Advisory Committee on English**  
**Minutes from the Annual Meeting**  
**28 March 2014**  
**Southern Polytechnic State University**

**USG Representatives in Attendance:** Barbara Goodman, Clayton State University; Robert Bleil, College of Coastal Georgia; Carmen Skaggs, Columbus State University; Barbara Murray, Dalton State College; Elizabeth Perkins, Darton College; Carmine Palumbo, East Georgia College; Washella T. Simmons, Fort Valley State University; Rebecca Flynn, Georgia Gwinnett College; Jesse Bishop, Georgia Highlands College; Rebecca Burnett, Georgia Institute of Technology; Ted Wadley, Georgia Perimeter College; Todd Hoffman, Georgia Regents University; Dan Bauer, Georgia Southern University; Debra

as opposed to an institutional one. Additionally, there will be two new Vice Chancellors, one for international education and one for military support.

**Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Developmental English and Reading**

Dr. Carmine Palumbo, co-chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Developmental English and Reading provided a report on the work of the Task Force on Transforming English and Reading Remediation and the work of the Implementation Team as part of the Complete College Georgia (CCG) Plan. The recommendations from the Task Force for Transforming Remediation include the following: a combined reading and writing course, which has received some resistance; terminate the use of COMPASS as an exit, and a co-requisite model which would allow students who score at a certain level to enter a gateway course with adequate support.

In Fall 2012, BORAACE Chair, Dr. Nunes, identified members to serve on the Implementation Team, and the group met at Gordon College where work groups were formed. The work groups



English Programs in a way that the System Office could present to the legislature as had been suggested.

### **New Business**

Dr. Carmine Palumbo provided a brief history of the committee regarding chairs and efforts to balance regionally. He also asked if there would be any resistance from any campus if there were a return to a retreat-style meeting at somewhere like Jekyll Island. He suggested a return to the two-day meeting in late March or April.

Dr. Burnette reminded the group that the Conference on College Composition and Communications (CCCC) meets in March. A discussion followed. Late march meeting date/location that would allow more of a retreat setting

The group discussed other issues/concerns facing English Departments including entry level salaries for English faculty and the challenge of filling positions. Dr. Burnett pointed out that salaries for positions in technical communications are higher than traditional English lines.

Dr. Washella Simmons asked a question related to credentialing, and a general discussion regarding credentialing and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) requirements followed.

### **Election of Officers**

Dr. Nunes, BORAACE Chair, presented to the full committee the slate nominated for the 2014-2015 term of service by the Executive Committee:

Chair: Dr. Barbara Goodman, Clayton State University

Chair-Elect and Recorder: Dr. Robert Bleil, College of Coastal Georgia

At-Large (two years at large): Dr. Rebecca Burnett, Georgia Institute of Technology

At-Large (one year remaining): Dr. Debra Matthews, Middle Georgia State College

Dr. Carmen Skaggs moved to approve the slate, and Dr. Carmine Palumbo seconded the motion. The committee unanimously approved the slate of candidates.

Note: the past chair would normally also serve on the Executive Committee; however, he will no longer be part of the University System as of July 1 and i