

Humanities RAC meeting notes 4.14.23

In attendance: Aaron Santesso, Adam Tate, Allen Dutch, Aran MacKinnon, Colleen Ijuin, Daniel Vollaro, Denise Davidson, Betsy Wright, Jay Web, John Kraft, Jon Sizemore, Wesley Kisting, Leigh Dillard, Paul Dahlgren, Berlethia Pitts, Robert Bleil, Robert Mark Smith, Teresa Winterhalter, Darryl Thompson, Kristina DuRocher, Sabrina Wengier

- Dr. Aran MacKinnon, Professor and Chair, Department of History and Geography at Georgia College and State University, discussed the work of GCSU's Digital Humanities Collaborative.
 - This is a cross department committee that started as a grass roots movement with the goal to connect disciplinary research to digital approaches and careers.
 - Considering a pathway to a certificate.
 - [Omeka](#) is the platform being utilized as an open-source site for storing and sharing data.
 - Still balancing relationship with the library and partnerships with other organizations or across university.
 - Development of VIP (vertically integrated programs). Currently engaging students in curated digital archive on social justice as a living and evolving collection.
 - Closing thought – would RAC or USG supports broader collaborative across the system?
 - Discussion ensued.
- Jon Sizemore, Associate Vice-Chancellor of Distance Learning and Technology of the University System office
 - Discussed a refresh of general education curriculum, announcement coming next week.
 - Noted new element of new degree program proposals require identifying three standard occupation codes for graduates. He shared an example of mapping these codes to the curriculum. Many skills noted are humanities related.
- The committee reviewed a proposed draft of a templated course, [HUMN 1000](#).
 - DATA 1501 is the first templated course. A templated course allows institutions to develop their own version after approval by the USG GEC.
 - Intention is to assure transferability across the system.
 - **Action item:** Please send comments and suggestions to Paul Dahlgren paul.dahlgren@gsw.edu and Mark Smith marksmi@valdosta.edu on the subcommittee by April 28th
- Other business/announcements.
 - Officers – Kris DuRocher chair for upcoming year.
 - **Action item** Call for nominations for secretary for next year. It is fun and exciting! Send nominations or self-nominations to Mark Smith marksmi@valdosta.edu

- Discussion/consideration – how are members handling humanities enrollment decline?

Meeting adjourned 11:13am

Submitted by Kris DuRocher