

**University System of Georgia  
Board of Regents Academic Advisory Committee  
Physical Education, Health Education, and Recreation**

**Video-Conference Meeting  
November 14, 2008**

**Minutes**

**In Attendance:**

Ellen Roberts (chair) – Columbus State University  
Ellen Martin – Columbus State University  
Deb Jenkins – University of West Georgia  
Bud Reisel (guest) – Georgia Department of Education  
Ken Weatherman – Georgia Highlands College  
Walt Mason (chair-elect) – East Georgia College  
Andrea Willis – Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College  
Paula Dahoney – Augusta State University

Mitchell Collins – Kennesaw State University  
Bonnie Young – Georgia Perimeter College  
Cheryl Grayson – Dalton State College  
Laurie Jossey – North Georgia College & State Univ.  
Barry Joyner – Georgia Southern University  
Charles Burrage – Gainesville State College  
Paula Edney – Gainesville State College

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**Meeting Started:** 10:005 a.m. – Ellen Roberts welcomed everyone to the meeting, held via video-conferencing technology at seven sites (Columbus State University, Kennesaw State University, University of West Georgia, Georgia Southern University, Pioneer RESA in Cleveland, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, and Augusta State University). Representatives at each site introduced themselves and identified their institutions, positions, and teaching fields.

1. **Georgia Performance Standards** – Bud Reisel, Program Specialist for Health and Physical Education from the Georgia Department of Education, presented information on the recently developed Georgia Performance Standards in physical education and health education. Key points included:
  - The GPS in physical education are based on the six national standards. An advising team and a writing team produced drafts of the document.
  - The new GPS will be posted for 60 days for review and comment before going to the BOR, hopefully in June 2009.
  - Dr. Reisel will let the committee chair know when the standards are ready for review, and the chair will inform the membership.
  - Statewide training on the standards will occur during 2009-2010, with implementation to follow in 2010-2011.
  - The health GPS are being developed by separate committees; the plan is for their training and implementation to follow the same schedule as for the physical education standards.
  - The new GPS were developed without looking for alignment with the GACE content exams.

Dr. Reisel also presented information on Georgia DOE rules and the specific requirements for Health and Physical Education at the K-5, middle, and high school levels.

2. **GACE Annual Reports** – Ellen Roberts reminded representatives that annual reports of GACE pass rates by program had been sent to the institutions. The reports are for program completers in 2006-2007, Georgia's first year using those examinations. While most representatives had seen the report and found it helpful, at least one rep did not know that the report was available and had not received a copy.
3. **Provisional Certification** – A short discussion was held on the problems that exist in working with provisionally certified teachers. The major problem identified was that certification requires placement at multiple grade levels and with diverse populations, and provisionally certified teachers often having difficulty meeting this requirement. At times administrators in the p-12 schools won't allow teachers to leave; at other times the teacher's

responsibilities in addition to teaching (e.g. coaching) limit observation and teaching at another school. Teachers sometimes use planning periods, lunch time, or professional days to complete their field experience requirements.

- 4. Teaching Shortages** – The question was raised, in light of teacher shortages and the 20,000 by 2020 initiative, of what institutions are doing to address the need to increase enrollment. Responses by representatives indicated that, for the most part, enrollment in Exercise Science and in Health and Physical Education is growing. At several institutions the problem is that graduates are unable to find jobs. At least one institution is capping enrollment. In discussion of this topic, it was decided that student teaching and intern placements should be a future agenda item.

There was limited discussion of using technology as a tool for observing student teachers and interns, especially those placed at some distance from the supervising institution. West Georgia will be piloting use of the Video Analysis of Teaching, a software program that enables students to edit tapes of their teaching and upload selected clips. The university will be looking at cost effectiveness, the effective use of time, and student response to use of the technology. Others mentioned the possible use of Tegrity and of Dartfish as tools for enhancing the observation/supervision of student teachers and interns at a distance. This will likely also be a future agenda item.

- 5. Core Curriculum** – In light of upcoming revisions to the core curriculum, representatives discussed whether it was advantageous for our advisory committee to take the position that physical education/wellness should be included in the core curriculum. The majority of those in attendance clearly feel that our institutions have supported our having physical education/wellness hours outside the core and would not want to put that in jeopardy by suggesting another role.
- 6. Military Science** – Mitchell Collins at Kennesaw State sought the group's input on accepting military science courses and military experience, including whether acceptance meant waiving requirements or giving credit for courses. Representatives suggested consulting with the registrar to determine whether the institution was a part of the SOCAD group (colleges that offer associate and bachelor's degree programs on or accessible to Army installations worldwide), in which case a manual provides guidance on the acceptance of courses.
- 7. Campus Updates** – Representatives from each institution provided information on some of the most relevant information coming from their campuses. Highlights include:
  - Bonnie Young will serve as a department chair at Georgia Perimeter College; there will be a new gym on the Dunwoody campus.
  - Georgia Highlands has experienced rapid growth; Cartersville is now the largest campus. An additional faculty member has been hired.
  - Kennesaw State has implemented a Master of Science in Applied Exercise Science.
  - West Georgia will open a new facility in January; the department will have a new name and will offer a new degree program.
  - Georgia Southern is experiencing rapid growth and is searching for positions in pedagogy and sport psychology.
  - East Georgia College has experienced a 28% increase in enrollment on campus.
  - Gainesville State was able to hire two new faculty in the Division of Health and Wellness.
  - North Georgia College has capped its program in Exercise Science and has strong enrollment in Teacher Education. There is a new Wellness Center for students, which frees space for physical education.
  - Richard Harrison is retiring as Dean at Augusta State, and Paula Dahoney is chairing the search committee. The Department of Kinesiology and Health Science will be renaming two degrees.
  - Columbus State is reorganizing to form a Department of Physical Education and Exercise Science, which will also house the university's Wellness program. Mike Mangum will serve as interim chair.
- 8. Budget Cuts** – Several institutions indicated experiencing limited effects of the recent budget cuts. Most indicated that travel is more limited and must be thoroughly justified. Some experienced either a freezing of new faculty positions or the loss of positions. One indicated that equipment must be useable; otherwise it could not be replaced. One institution indicated that the library is not allowed to buy books. Most expressed concern that additional cuts would have a much greater impact on their departments and programs.

9. **Spring Meeting** – The committee discussed the merits of meeting via video-conferencing versus those of traveling to meet face-to-face and decided to meet via video-conferencing in May. If there is interest by the representatives, additional sites may be used so that fewer people need to drive to another location.

Ellen Roberts indicated that she will continue to communicate with the committee via email as issues arise or information needs to be communicated. Representatives should feel free to bring concerns to the committee as a vehicle for discussing issues, obtaining needed information, etc.

**Meeting adjourned:** 12:20 p.m.