Members present: David Gribbin, Val Czerny, Courtney Joiner

Members not present: Mary Waalkes, David Strickland, Dee McKinney

The meeting was called to order at 1:00.

Courtney Joiner initiated discussion of continuing the Connections: A Critical Thinking Conference in a different format, perhaps as a forum for the EGSC community, rather than a conference inviting other faculty from other institutions. She suggested the “forum” having a broad theme, such as “What is working” where faculty could share their ideas and successes with each other. There was discussion about how it could be different from the CTL Lunch and Learn series. It would also provide the opportunity for the biology students to present their research. David Gribbin suggested talking with David Strickland about including his CATS students in presentations, since that is a critical thinking course. Val Czerny also encouraged the idea of students presenting. The idea of different learning styles and differentiating the teaching was discussed, and Courtney said that she would talk with Jim Beall, who leads the Teacher Education Program, about his students either presenting or having a round table discussion about teaching to different learning styles. The logistics of this “forum” idea were discussed; Polycom is available in three areas in Swainsboro, but the small setting of the Polycom rooms in Statesboro and Augusta discourage large audiences.

There was some discussion about the role of this committee at this point in the accreditation process. With the successful conclusion of the QEP and the impending launch of a new QEP, it was accepted by the committee that our work is winding down.

The meeting wrapped up with the plan to continue to discuss the possibility of a “forum” as described, with a possible date of October 5. Courtney will talk with Jim Beall; David will talk with David Strickland. Further communication about these ideas will be conducted via email.

The next meeting will be on April 19, 2018 with Dr. Boehmer.