Minutes for the 11/30/2016 teleconference:

Attending: David Gribbin, Val Czerny, Courtney Joiner, Dee McKinney, David Strickland, Ren Denton, Florenta Sega, Mary Waalkes

Val Czerny noted that she has five stacks of the fliers and that they look great. We agreed that Statesboro and Swainsboro would each take two stacks, and that Augusta would take one.

Once the minutes from the November 2, 2016 meeting were approved, David Gribbin noted that the agenda is tentative. David discussed the issue of paying an honorarium to the keynote speaker with John Derden who said that the proposed speaker usually gets between $2000 and $4000 when she speaks. He suggested that we set a budget, and gave a tentative deadline for the budget as January 27, 2017. He asked us to think of costs and to email him with these. He will put together the combined information and will resubmit them to us when we return from the holidays.

Courtney Joiner reminded him to add in the flier costs.

David Gribbin then spoke of Jimmy Wedincamp’s response to our topic noting that biomimicry has limited, specialized interest for biologists, with more appeal to entomologists than other researchers. David also suggested that we go over the dates listed on the agenda and discuss whether they are workable. Other dates can be added as needed.

David Strickland suggested that we identify our keynote speaker before setting up the website. Discussion followed regarding whether to create the website first or get the speaker first.

David Gribbin returned to the budget and asked how much we felt we could spend on an honorarium. Ren suggested $500, while Dee thought that $1000 would be more appropriate. We agreed to set this budget item at $1000 and to see if we could get the funds.

Ren asked if we have put out publicity on the other Georgia campuses, such as Georgia Southern, and if the call for presentations could be extended to their graduate students.

Courtney mentioned putting the information on the Georgia Southern listserv. David Gribbin suggested identifying listservs and regional schools that might be interested in attending.

Val suggested divvying up the assignments, and said that she would take on the website. David Gribbin said that he would continue to pursue getting names for a keynote speaker, and would continue to work on the budget. Dee offered to contact directors of Teaching and Learning to ask them to disseminate information on the conference.

Val asked David Gribbin if there was anything coming up regarding assessments. David encouraged us to send us the assessments as we need to maintain a record of continuous assessment for SACS, but he said that other work on assessment is beyond the scope of this committee.

We agreed to meet again on January 25, 2017 unless new schedules require us to set a different date.

Mary Waalkes
November 30, 2016