

Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee
Meeting Minutes
7/24/2014

Present: Lee Cheek, Tim Goodman, Damon Andrews, Ken Homer, Bob Brown, Carmine Palumbo

Absent: Randy Carter, SGA President, SGA Vice President

Visitors: Dee McKinney, Jordyn Nail

The minutes of the June 2, 2014 APCC meeting were approved as submitted.

Jordyn Nail presented a proposal to make some of the new USG learning support requirements effective this fall 2014. The changes are required to be in effect by fall 2015. A new cut score for the Compass exam in English/Reading and Mathematics was proposed to allow more students access to the co-requisite courses (Engl 1000 and Math 1000). This would be temporary since the English Placement Index (EPI) and Mathematics Placement Index (MPI) from the USG would be in place by fall 2015. The proposal was approved.

Dee McKinney gave the Committee an update on the rebranding of D2L. It will be BrightSpace, but no features are changed and the USG will gradually shift into BrightSpace. All of the training materials have been released. This is informational only at this point.

Dr. Palumbo reviewed changes in the syllabus format, mainly cleaning up and fixing links. It will include Augusta and we will vote online before sending to the Faculty Senate.

The Committee approved a Bowling class for physical education. It will be taught in Statesboro initially because of lack of facilities in Swainsboro.

The Humanities Division submitted a new Area F in Communication Arts, which included a communications course and print media and theatre courses. VSU and Gordon College have this program. The Committee approved the program. NOTE: A check of Area F's at USG Academic Affairs found the best fit to be an Area F in Speech.

The Humanities Division submitted a request to develop and implement Engl 0989, using the Task Force syllabus template. The changes included dropping Read 0099 and changing Engl 0099 to Engl 0989. The new course will combine English and reading into a single learning support class. The change will be piloted in Swainsboro and Augusta this fall and will be in effect at all campuses in the spring. Sally Cook, Amelia Simmons, and Sandra Sharman will be assigned to develop the course for expansion to all campuses in the spring of 2015. The course change was approved.