

CUCAO Meeting
March 2, 2018

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Rebecca Turner called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. She welcomed new members and visitors.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Turner called for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2017, meeting. Dr. Kevin Whitaker made a motion to approve. Dr. James McDonald seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Christine Curtis reported the current balance as \$4,104.37 less fees. Dr. Turner and Dr. Nash asked members to double check register of members.

AGSC STARS Update

Dr. Charles Nash gave an update on improvements needed to be made to AGSC STARS. They are as follows:

- Improve website via mobile platform
- Address Area V concerns
- Student access
- Evaluate AGSC structure
- Remember that reports can be customized to pinpoint student interest

Dr. Curtis also added to check with points of contact to update Area V.

Dr. Nash also reported on the annual meeting.

Update on Strategic Educational Plan for Education

Dr. Kevin Whitaker updated the group on the state wide strategic plan. He started by providing the brief history of the charge and the project for the benefit of new members. He commented on the committee formed by Senator Marsh to move the plan forward. He noted that higher education is outnumbered heavily on this committee. The committee has met once and will meet again soon (March 6). Dr. Whitaker will ask for feedback after the next meeting.

Mr. Whitaker reported there has been a lot of momentum at the University of Alabama to include community engagement and other experiences into the general studies curriculum. Dr. Nash responded that disciplinary committees should guide that discussion. Dr. Turner mentioned the need to check templates if an audit has not been done in some time. Dr. Nash urged everyone to make sure our points of contact are doing their jobs. Dr. Alexander noted how large the state general education requirement is and how it goes counter to national trends to cut and simplify. A vigorous discussion followed. A

committee was formed to examine General Education. The committee members appointed were Dr. Ross Alexander, Dr. Narma, and Dr. Nash.

Dr. Purcell expressed great concern regarding the K-12 report card initiative. He asked everyone to let their Presidents know about these concerns.

On April 27, Complete College America is coming down to Birmingham for a day-long event.

Dr. Purcell reported on ACHE plans for the future. He also reported that AP cut scores are inconsistent across the state. He is calling for a committee to explore options and make a recommendation. About 22 states have standard cut scores across their institutions. Legislation in Alabama to create this uniformity is brewing up. Dr. Nash suggested the AGSC STARS disciplinary committee should drive this discussion.

Dr. Purcell presented an additional update of the state wide strategic plan. Dr. Lock explained the CUCAO plan has been blended with ACHE's plan. There are 9 priorities in the new blended plan as suggested by the legislators involved. Dr. Purcell and Dr. Nash are greatly concerned about this legislation.

ACHE Update

Dr. Lock presented proposed procedural changes to ACHE processes. Several members expressed their gratitude for these changes.

Dr. Turner formed an AP credit committee. The members of the committee are Dr. Christine Curtis, (Chair), Earl Ingram, Dr. Tim Edwards, and Dr. Charles Nash.

Dr. Nash reported the house has passed its version of the budget.

CUCAO Constitution and By-laws review

Dr. Turner led a discussion/review of the CUCAO by-laws. One surprise was the committee only meets once a year.

CUCAO website updates

Dr. Turner suggests that ACHE's website include a link to CUCAO. Dr. Nash reported that his office has been working with UWA to update the website. Dr. Nash suggests that members forward any links needed to him so he can forward those to UWA.

SACSCOC (New Principles, Fifth Year Reports, Transition plans, Substantive Changes)

Dr. Turner led a discussion on SACSCOC. Dr. Edwards brought up the issue of delayed sub-changes. Dr. Turner suggested inviting Dr. Belle Whelan and Dr. Kevin Sightler to our joint meeting in May. Dr. Nash shared data on non-compliance issues for 2016. He also reviewed new principles involving the university's board and CEO, and the issue of financial aid and properly counseling students in terms of FA.

New Report: Four Ways Alabama Can Make Progress on Education A+

Dr. Nash reported on Accelerating the Pace: The Future of Education in the American South. He highlighted several issues addressed in the executive summary. He noted the importance of teacher preparation in our colleges and universities.

Dr. Nash also reported on an initiative among the state's APLU campuses which is complementary to Complete College America.

Nomination Committee

Dr. Turner appointed a nominating committee. The members are Dr. Charles Nash, Dr. Earl Ingram, and Dr. Tim Edwards, to select a slate of officers.

Closing Remarks

Closing remarks on the next meeting were offered by Dr. Rebecca Turner. She produced a contract for Perdido Key Resort for the May meeting. The meeting is scheduled for May 30-June 1. CUCAO would conduct business on the 30th and the 1st. CUCAO would be with CC group on the 31st. The room rate is \$189 per night. Dr. Turner asked if we wanted to add a registration fee. A fee of \$300 per person was suggested by several members.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.