



## INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE (IFCC)

### GENERAL EDUCATION AND LEARNING SUPPORT DEANS MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Tuesday, June 02, 2020

**Time:** 1:00pm-3:00pm

**Location:** Virtual WebEx

**Meeting Facilitator:** John Richardson

**Recorder:** Sonya McCoy-Wilson

**Attendees:** Penny Waddell-Gwinnett Technical College, Michelle Likins - North Georgia Technical College, Dr. Sonya McCoy-Wilson- Atlanta Technical College, Sean Brumfield - Southern Crescent Technical College, Cheryl West - Southeastern Technical College, Kathryn Kent-Southern Regional Technical College, Lonnie Griffin- Savannah Technical College, John Richardson-Augusta Technical College, Tomekia Cooper-Albany Technical College, William Burgan - Columbus Technical College, Dexter Beck-Chattahoochee Technical College, AJ Jackson (on behalf of Jodie Vangrov)- Georgia Northwestern Technical College, Dr. Dale S. Burgess-Georgia Piedmont Technical College, Dr. Jennifer Palmer-Athens Technical College, Tom Feagle-Wiregrass Technical College, Kathy Alden-Lanier Technical College, S Durham-Central Georgia Technical College, Kelly Steed, J Tanner, Lisa Stephens, Angela Robinson, Dr. Nathalie Dames-TCSG

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#### WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

- Call to order
  - Dean Richardson called the meeting to order and
- Introduction of Participants
  - Dean Richardson also asked the new deans to introduce themselves

#### DISCUSSION SUMMARY:

- Discussion Topic: How are faculty implementing LS redesign in the absence of ACCUPLACER placement testing for summer and fall?
  - All of the colleges represented began to share out about how they are addressing learning support in the absence of the Accuplacer
  - Atlanta and Lanier are similarly placing students into their general ed. gateway course, conducting department diagnostic tests, and requiring tutoring
  - Some colleges are imbedding learning support material within the gen ed course
  - Tutoring is being handled by Smarthinking, Upswing, and Tutor.com
  - Gwinnett is using BB Collaborate to conduct tutoring with their own in-house tutor staff – they have a total of 17 paid tutors, who are funded through the regular operations budget – Gwinnett has also provided regular PD (professional development) for tutors
  - Other colleges have embedded a writing center within Blackboard – they are using Doodle Professional scheduler
- Discussion Topic: Given the uncertainty of COVID-19, what are alternate scheduling plans for on-ground classes should the need arise to close campuses?
  - Atlanta is offering Gen Ed as all online – programs are delivering limited labs
  - Gwinnett is offering 75% online delivery
  - Some institutions are delivering hybrid in order to prepare for a sudden shift either back to quarantine or flattened Covid curve
  - None of the colleges mentioned having to address shared office spaces
- Discussion Topic: How do we minimize class size in order to maintain social distance in spite of the push for enrollment growth in the midst of budget cuts?
  - This was an area of uncertainty for most of the colleges – however, the online offerings are a natural way to ease the enrollment tension
- Nomination of chair and recorder

- Dr. Sonya McCoy-Wilson (Atlanta Tech) is the newly elected Chair
- Mr. Sean Brumfield (Southern Crescent Tech) is the newly elected Recorder
- Adjourn

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**Minutes Submitted By:** Dr. Sonya McCoy-Wilson