

Criminal Justice
Instructional Faculty Consortium Committee
Statewide Instructor Meeting

Central Georgia Technical College
3300 Macon Tech Drive
Macon, GA 31206
Building I – Quad B

October 30, 2017
10:00am – 11:30am

Minutes

Attendees:

Lynn Miller	Albany Tech
Kenn Singleton	Albany Tech
Mortissa Harvey	Atlanta Tech
Sean Joiner	Augusta Tech
Marshall Armstrong	Chattahoochee Tech
Tyler Gayan	Georgia Northwestern Tech
Kelli Owen	Georgia Piedmont Tech
Valerie Brown	Georgia Piedmont Tech
Duanne Thompson	Lanier Tech
Pamela Segers	North Georgia Tech
Tony Sirianni	North Georgia Tech
Dion Deroia	Savannah Tech
William Munn	Savannah Tech
Karann Raines	Southeastern Tech
Nolan E. Martin	Southeastern Tech
Fred Ewell	Southern Regional Tech
Louis F. Shepard	West Georgia Tech
Juan Garcia	Wiregrass Tech
Jay Kramer	Dean, Public Safety & Prof Services – Central Georgia Tech
Teresa Coleman	VPAA – Southeastern Tech
George Schramm	Curriculum Program Specialist – TCSG

Welcome

TCSG Program Specialist George Schramm called the meeting to order at 10:10am. Member attendees took turns introducing themselves.

George Schramm suggested new officers be selected for the IFCC Chair and Co-Chair positions. Kelli Owen (Georgia Piedmont Tech) was nominated/approved to serve as Chair for the next two years. Pamela Segers (North Georgia Tech) was approved to serve as Co-Chair for the next two years.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September 12, 2016 meeting were approved as read.

Old Business

Members discussed the status of the new course devoted to Serial Killers. The course is half-completed in its development. TCSG Schramm urged that in creating new courses we be cautious of credit hours versus contact hours. There is a concern of the required hours becoming too numerous.

Pearson REVEL Trial by NGTC

Tony Sirianni, North Georgia Tech, used the Pearson REVEL product in the spring with a hybrid Report Writing course. Though interoperability is very important in our institutions, this product's ability to work alongside our existing LMS (learning management system) was sorely lacking during this trial.

Due to complications with synchronization of the product in the beginning, Tony spent approximately six weeks on the phone and in person with Pearson product reps to resolve ongoing issues. Gradebook would not synchronize with blackboard. Students had issues with viewing assignments, quizzes, etc. Multiple requests for customer reference lists met with no success.

Product trial was disappointing.

Kelli Owen and Valerie Brown, Georgia Piedmont, recommended McGraw Hill's CONNECT product as they have now implemented it with many of their courses.

Forensic Courses for Diploma/Degree programs

Valerie Brown, Georgia Piedmont Tech, explained they had offered three (3) Forensic TCCs, but once the students determined more science was required than they anticipated, they no longer wanted to do those TCCs.

Valerie would like to consider removing the TCC offerings, but keeping the courses as electives. She understood that this request had to go through the IFCC. George Schramm explained that if the TCC was a standard and not institutional only, then it would have to go through the IFCC, but in this case, he suggested Ga Piedmont discuss the issue with their VPAA in order to resolve.

Developing New Courses

Aside from discussing the continued use of a TCC, Schramm further explained that there existed great flexibility in developing your own courses/TCCs for the needs of your service area, but the overarching question to ask would be, "Is there a career on the other side?"

An additional issue is the development of an isolated course that only one instructor is qualified to teach at one campus. We would not want to develop courses that become abandoned two years later due to lack of interest or lack of qualification to teach.

Duane Thompson, Lanier Tech, discussed the prevalence of the opioid epidemic for Georgia. He wondered if an existing course could be found within the Pharmacology program (or other) that could address the misinformation held by our students regarding the dangers of these narcotics.

Schramm offered assistance from TCSG program specialists if the IFCC was interested in developing a new course or TCC that addressed some of these areas of interest.

New Business

Law Enforcement Academies and other Offerings

An inquiry was made of the current standing of the Law Enforcement Academies. Jay Kramer indicated that one had dropped off and the enrollment was not doing as well as expected in the other five academies.

Other members discussed their offerings or experiences with the academies as well as other course offerings:

Georgia Piedmont – lower enrollment in Academy

Georgia Northwestern Tech – decreased enrollment in Academy – President wants more graduates to justify 3 full time faculty in police academy

Albany Tech – offering Cyber Crime degree – spring – 1st semester – 12 students in program

Central Georgia Tech – offered Computer Crime under CIS, but did not do well and was abandoned

Dual Enrolled Students

Members agreed that the Dual Enrolled population is growing within criminal justice, especially Wiregrass (Juan Garcia) and Georgia Piedmont (Kelli Owen). Some high schools are “busing” the students to the colleges and some are offering courses at the various high schools.

One question that came up was regarding sustaining the program within the High Schools. At issue is whether the High School Coordinators are promoting the programs enough with the next group of students (the previous May is not ideal – needs to be much earlier).

The Technical College system will continue to focus our efforts on this population. We need to find ways to ensure continued success and appropriate pathways toward achievement of a TCC and possible enrollment afterwards.

Marketing the Criminal Justice Program

Members inquired what methods were being used to market our programs across the service areas. There is concern about building our numbers in a time when enrollment seems to be down due to current climate (policing not as popular) and low unemployment.

Georgia Piedmont is marketing to local sheriff’s office and corrections facilities. They have offered the following: correctional officer specialist TCC
report writing focus

online offerings
accelerated degrees for LEOs (can test out of four classes)

West Georgia Tech markets with an emphasis on the other areas of service within criminal justice and not focused as much on policing. Probation, Courts, Juvenile services are areas where they focus their recruitment opportunities.

North Georgia Tech marketing department schedules radio/talk show interviews for the various programs. During these short interviews, programs discuss career opportunities, course offerings, list of externship/internship locations used, and the flexibility of scheduling. We also run a "Program of the Month" and we place an ad in the local newspapers about the program and course instructors. Seems to work favorably.

Meeting Date for next IFCC Meeting

Group members did not decide on a date for 2018 meeting. Communication will be sent out over the next few months to determine the best month and day of the week.

Adjournment

TCSG Program Specialist George Schramm adjourned the meeting at 11:28am.

Minutes recorded by: Pamela J. Segers, Co-Chair
North Georgia Tech