



INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE (IFCC)

PARAMETIC TECHNOLOGY MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: WebEx

Meeting Facilitator: Anthony Gallman, TCSG; Rick Ellis, CGTC

Recorder: Anthony Gallman, TCSG

Attendees: Albany – Thad Minick, Tracie Naylor-Griffin; Athens – Glenn Henry, Don Pruitt; Atlanta – Corbett Davis; Central Georgia – Rick Ellis, James Travers; Chattahoochee – Ryan Dehnert; Coastal Pines – Ray Powers; Georgia Northwestern – Nina Piatt; Georgia Piedmont – Zina Gresham; Gwinnett – Greg Companion; Lanier – Brandon Carey, Sam Stone, Eron Sunshine; North Georgia – Charles Hill; Ogeechee – Chris Page, Matthew Parr, Heather Reddick; Savannah – Walter Webel; Southeastern – Jim Jones, Mike Young; Southern Crescent – James Anderson; Southern Regional – Missy Pullen; West Georgia – Lukas Davies, Kerry Markey, Tracey Smith; Wiregrass – Jason Hurst, Mark Ponder, Shawn Tatham; TCSG – Anthony Gallman

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Anthony Gallman welcomed all attendees to the WebEx meeting and then performed a roll call of the colleges to allow for introductions. Anthony asked participants to also enter their name, title, and college into the chat box to also capture attendance. At the conclusion of the introductions, Anthony discussed the meeting agenda.

DISCUSSION:

After formal introductions, Anthony started the meeting by discussing that an official program IFCC was last conducted in 2017 and a one-day program review in 2019. For anyone new to the program and / or TCSG Anthony provided an overview of what an IFCC is and its intended purpose. He also gave an overview of the TCSG Office of Academic Affairs, the TCSG Academic Affairs website, and what could be found on the website. Anthony discussed that since there had been no official IFCC meeting since 2017 that there needed to be an election of office and the establishment of an Executive Committee. Anthony explained that the only current officer is Rick Ellis of Central Georgia Tech who has been serving as the Chair for the committee. To help reestablish the program IFCC, Rick agreed to continue as Chair. Anthony shared that a Chair and Co-chair are required for each IFCC. Anthony also recommended that since the program is so large, is in need of curricular modifications, and is offered at the majority of the colleges that an Executive Committee be formed to assist the Chair and Co-chair with matters as they arise. Anthony discussed that an Executive Committee is made up of two representatives from the northern region of the state, two from the central region, and two from the

southern part of the state. Anthony stated there would be a period of time for nominations and asked that all nominations for Co-Chair and the Executive Committee be emailed to him by the close of business on Wednesday, August 4th. Anthony stated the nominations would be compiled and sent out to the IFCC for a vote.

Anthony then transitioned to the next agenda item being a curriculum review discussion. Anthony stated that he had received much feedback from a number of instructors with concerns that the program needs a complete over-haul, that the program takes too long to complete, and that each certificate, diploma and degree needs a critical review. Eron Sunshine from Lanier Tech asked if the review could be expedited as there is currently a shortage of EMTs and Paramedics. Anthony stated he would try to move things along as quickly as possible, but discussed that the procedure for modifying curriculum could take some time with Presidential review / approval, State Board approval, and SACSCOC review if warranted. Glenn Henry, VPAA at Athens Tech mentioned that SACSCOC only reviews submissions on a published schedule and that it could take a while.

Rick Ellis of Central Georgia Tech stated that the program review meeting from 2019 provided some great feedback regarding the program and that some great curriculum suggestions were made. Rick asked if there were any notes from that meeting. Anthony stated that he had received the minutes from that meeting. It was suggested that those notes be shared with the group to serve as a starting point for the curricular review. Anthony also suggested that it may be a good idea to have a couple of sub-committees to assist with reviewing the EMT curriculum and the Paramedic curriculum. The group agreed, and Anthony suggested that anyone who would like to volunteer to be on a review sub-committee should email him by Wednesday, August 4th.

CONCLUSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

Anthony will compile a list of nominations for the Co-chair, Executive Committee and curriculum review sub-committees and present to the IFCC group for a vote. Anthony will email the 2019 program review notes out to the listserv for review. Once the IFCC officers are established along with the Executive Committee and sub-committees, Anthony will work to establish future meetings for program and curriculum reviews.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:03 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By: Anthony Gallman, TCSG