

INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE (IFCC)

BIOLOGY MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, October 06, 2021

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Location: Virtual

Meeting Facilitator: Nathalie Dames/Jeremy Bishop

Recorder: Alicia Anderson

Attendees: Nathalie Dames, Jeremy Bishop, Alicia Anderson, Margaret Long, April Murphy, Lopa Agarwal, Shaista Tarannum, Kelly Rhoades, Tiffiney Bean, Catherine Maloof, Blake Conner, LaToya Brown, Deva Joseph, Sherry Sturgis, Anna Reese, Christine Yarbrough, Cynthia David, Michelle Smith, Latonya Cullers, Carolina Rivas, Marisa Wong-Sam, Sadia Ajohda, Morris Carington, Shohana Huq, Ebenezar Achionye, Karen Burke, Jackson Moss, Curtis Wright, Melissa Nikolic, Michael Mouat, Soheir Rizk, Mitchell McKinney, Akeia McCollum, Saeideh Sadri, Jarod Lynn, Tim Casey, Kantheti Sravanti, Chichi.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Dames and Jeremy Bishop

All attendees introduced themselves via the chat function. Jeremy Bishop welcomed everyone.

Current Officers were introduced, responsibilities explained, and new Officers selected. Catherine Maloof was elected as Chair. Karen Burke was elected as Vice-Chair/Recorder. Michael Mouat was re-elected as Northern Region Chair. Carolina Rivas was elected as the Central Region Chair. No elected Chair for the Southern Region.

DISCUSSION SUMMARY:

Curriculum Review:

- 1111/L - No revisions or concerns
- 1112/L – No revisions or concerns
- 1210/L – No revision or concerns
- 2100 – Respond to Dr. Long if revisions or concerns
- 2107/L – Still in development. Respond to Dr. Maloof if revision or concerns
- 2108/L – No revisions or concerns
- 2113/L – Substantive and grammatical corrections were made when IFCC last met. All were accepted then.
 - Discussed resources: Visible Body, McGraw Hill – Connect, Pearson, Top Hat, Labster
- 2114/L- Optimization needs to be done, time ran out the last time the IFCC met in person. Review before our next in-person meeting to eliminate typos and redundant information.

- Discussed how the University system wasn't accepting on-line lab classes. Eventually we will have to return to fully in-person lab classes.
- 2117/L – No revisions or concerns
- 2120 – No revisions or concerns
- 2210 – Only one college teaching, no concerns
- 2250 – No revisions or concerns
- 2300 – No revisions or concerns
- 2311 – No revisions or concerns
- 2100 - Institutionally developed course. No revisions or changes

Other items discussed:

Articulation agreements with USG colleges. Some colleges may be reluctant in general to accept TCSG Anatomy and Physiology classes because of their being joined and not separated into distinct Anatomy and Physiology courses. There have also be questions about the rigor of our classes. The University system also requires two semesters of biology prerequisites before taking 2113

Adding Biology 1111/L as a prerequisite for 2113/L. Students tend to do better if they take 1111/L prior to 2113/L but that would add an extra semester to the overall program application.

Some colleges are reporting that the GGC, GSU, KSU, UGA are no longer accepting on-line lab classes. Eventually we will have to return to fully in-person lab classes.

Moving English 1101 to a prerequisite versus a corequisite

Academic freedom is encouraged but course standards must be covered.

Exams/tests should not be all multiple-choice format

Human Pathophysiology (2311) – required by Rad Tech (RT23). It is a good gap class for student who are waiting to get into Health Care programs. May be a good candidate course for ECampus. Drs. Long and Maloof to check into.

Doctors of Chiropractic are fully credentialed to teach any biology classes except those that have any botany components

Gwinnett Tech is no longer offering 100% online labs because USG no longer accepts transfer as of Spring 2021. Chattahoochee Tech does not offer online labs. Albany Tech will no longer offer online labs as of Spring 2022. GSU doesn't offer virtual labs anymore and will not accept them

Dr. Dames introduced True Co-requirements that have been put in place that should prevent students from registering for classes without registering for co-req.

Dr. Dames showed the new TCSG Academic Affairs website.

Minutes Submitted By: Alicia Anderson 11/10/2021