



## INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE (IFCC)

### BIOLOGY MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Wednesday, October 05, 2022

**Time:** 10:00 am-11:54pm

**Location:** Virtual via WebEX

**Meeting Facilitator:** Dr. Nathalie Dames/ Dr. Maloof

**Recorder:** Dr. Karen Burke

**Attendees:** [List Attendees]

North Region	College
Michael Mouat*	Athens Technical College
Dr. Sheriase Kwakye	Atlanta Technical College
Arden Cumberbatch	Chattahoochee Technical
Andrea Davis*	Chattahoochee Technical
Juanita Forrester, M.S., Ph.D.	Chattahoochee Technical
Bhavya Mathur	Chattahoochee Technical
Dr. Christine Yarbrough	Chattahoochee Technical
Donna Andrews	Georgia Northwestern
Brittany Cochran*	Georgia Northwestern
Curtis Wright	Georgia Northwestern
Dr. Ebenezar Achionye	Georgia Piedmont
Patricia Cooley	Gwinnett Technical College
Margaret Long	Gwinnett Technical College
Melissa Nikolic	Gwinnett Technical College
Dr. Saeideh Sadri	Gwinnett Technical College
Dr. Stephen Saroli	Gwinnett Technical College

Dr. Deva Joseph	Lanier Technical College
Dr. Sumathy Joseph	Lanier Technical College
Sravanti Kantheti *	Lanier Technical College
Dr. Kenneth Watanabe	Lanier Technical College
Ambuja Westbeld	Lanier Technical College
Kelly Rhoades*	North Georgia Technical

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Central Region	College
Lopa Agarwal	Augusta Technical College
Dr. Cynthia David*	Augusta Technical College
Sarah Osborn	Augusta Technical College
Soheir Rizk	Augusta Technical College
Dr. Shaista Tarannum	Augusta Technical College
Dr. Morris B. Clarington*	Central Georgia Technical
Cindy Crabtree	Central Georgia Technical
Alvin Harmon	Central Georgia Technical
Tammie Henderson	Central Georgia Technical
Alaaeldin Mahmoud	Central Georgia Technical
Dr. Linda McDowell	Central Georgia Technical
Dr. Mitchell McKinney	Columbus Technical College
Dr. Jackson Moss	Columbus Technical College
Susan McGill*	Oconee Fall Line Technical
Anna Reese	Oconee Fall Line Technical
Crystal Ivey*	Ogeechee Technical College
Courtney Reed	Ogeechee Technical College
Sadia Ajohda*	Southeastern Technical
Sherry Sturgis	Southeastern Technical
Dr. Karen Burke*	Southern Crescent Technical
Dr. Maloof	Southern Crescent Technical
Dr. Celeste Matthews	Southern Crescent Technical
Dr. Chichi Nwankwo	Southern Crescent Technical

Dr. Carolina Rivas*	West Georgia Tech
Dr. David Wortham	West Georgia Tech

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South Region	College
Dr. Tiffiney Bean*	Albany Technical College
LaToya Brown	Albany Technical College
Dr. Shohana Huq	Albany Technical College
Jeannie Martin*	Coastal Pines Technical College
Brandon Robinson	Savannah Technical College
--	South Georgia
Kathryn Kent Dean	Southern Regional
Joel Moore	Southern Regional
Dr. Saul Ramos	Southern Regional
Dr. Heidi Von Itter	Southern Regional
	Wiregrass

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**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Dames and Dr. Maloof.

All attendees introduced themselves including college and courses instructed.

A motion was made by Joel Moore and seconded by Michael Mouat to approve the minutes from 04/13/2022 with any necessary corrections in attendance record.

Erica Roberson from GVTC shared information on available resources for online teaching tools for biology and demonstrated an TCSG shared course for medical terminology. PowerPoint presentation is to be shared with IFCC.

**DISCUSSION SUMMARY:**

**Faculty Governance-** Dr. Dames emphasized the purpose of IFCC meetings and the importance of attendance. Our IFCC meetings allow for decisions on curriculum in courses, are useful for accreditation, and encourage the

exchange of ideas. Our representation here is crucial for the improvement of TCSG and is welcome and supported.

**BIOL IFCC Microsoft Teams**-Maloof discussed the development of a Microsoft Team for the dissemination of information. Dr. Dames will need to add everyone to the team.

**Optimizing State Standards BIOL 2114/2114L**-Phase 3 Maloof reviewed the purpose of optimizing 2114 state standards and gave examples of revisions made to 2113 courses. For BIOL 2114, the course descriptions and competencies are to be reviewed. Course descriptions from local colleges and universities have previously been collected. Each TCSG college will need to compare the current course description to a college or university that will be assigned to them from the regional chairs. The competencies and levels of learning should be reviewed for errors. Report recommendations as 1. Competency 2. Order 3. Recommendation. Any necessary changes are to be submitted to regional chairs by 12/05/2022. A draft of changes will be posted by 07/05/2022. Revisions will be voted upon during 10/2023 meeting.

**Intercollegiate communication**- Maloof reiterated that Microsoft Teams is now available for use.

**Pre-requisites/Co-requisites**- Pre-requisite and co-requisites are driven by the programs who require BIOL courses. Maloof suggested that each college reach out to programs in our respective colleges to help fill needs that are present. Discussion about the best practices for bridging the gap in communication between programs was included.

**Course Assessment Success**- Maloof discussed using Microsoft Teams as a discussion tool for the determination of frequency of assessment, evaluation of successful satisfaction of SACS and state standards, and methodology redirection for goal setting.

**College Advisors**- Maloof suggested contacting college advisors to suggest pathways to success in preparation for BIOL courses and communicate ways to identify students who self-advise. Dr. Dames discussed the issue of students who are dropped from BIOL 2113/2113L upon dropping the ENGL 1111. That should not happen since ENGL 1111 is not a true co-requisite.

**Course Strategies-Faculty Empowerment, Improvements, Overcome deficiencies**- Maloof requested that inquiries about BIOL associates in science degree be directed to Michelle Smith the POC for Columbus Tech. The POC for Gwinnett Tech should be contacted for inquiries about BIOL 0093.832 pre-A&P course, and Atlanta Tech about BIOL Human pathophysiology courses.

Forums have been created in Teams to include instructional strategies for overcoming deficiencies in Chemistry and Biology and Meeting students where they are in digital learning.

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**Next Meeting:** (In person with remote option) TBA October 2023

**Minutes Submitted By:** Karen Burke 10/31/2022