



INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE (IFCC)

English Humanities Speech Music Art Theater MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2023

Time: 10:00am -1:00pm

Location: WebEx

Meeting Facilitator: Kimberly Crews, Atlanta Area Tech

Recorder: Tiffany Parks, Gwinnett Technical College

Attendees: See list below.

Cherie Shipman, Claudette Alexander-Thomason, Allison Morway, Angeline Bullington, Gregg Anthony, Brittany Varga, Dana Buxton, Crystal Calhoun, Mackenzie Calhoun, Dr. Cheryl Carvajal, Sheila Casteel, Christina Koontz, Christopher Colvin, Clovis Sanders, Tomekia Cooper, Cynthia Taylor, Nathalie Dames, Dana Price, Dana Vannoy, Danon Dastugue, David Keene, Jennifer Davis, Denna, Dorothy Hansen, Dustin Ledford, Edith Grievous, Erika A. Shorey, Evangeline Wright, Peter Failor, Marla Fowler, Delores Guillory, Hannah Holmes, Phillip Hamner, Ryan Horadan, Scott Hughes, Jasmine Day-Duncan, Jason Richardson, Jay Snodgrass, Jeremy Fajman, Jessica Smith, Brad Jester, Joel Stancliff, Jon Stravelakis, Judy Cannon, Judy Scorpio Welch, Julia Cohen, Kathy Kvinge Christopher, Hayden Kelley, Kelli Wilkes, Kathryn Kent, Kimberly Crews, Beverly Kirk, Kristy Singletary, Leslie Schorr, Amy Lewis, Lisa Pope, Margaret Long, Margaret Stiles, Marla Fowler, Matthew Gainous, Jane McClain, Michael Faulknor, Michael StoneWright, Donald Miller, Mohamed Belal, Jim Moore, Nicholas Green, Padmaja Vedula, Patrick Wilson, Pete Frost, Gwen Pittman, Shereka Poole, Robert Reno, Robin Thomas, Roderick Jackson, Roger Reynolds, Roxanne Larkins, Lisa Russell, Dianne Rutherford, Ryan Lutz, Sara Morris, Sarah Hunt, Shawn Merritt, Alice Smith, Traci Thompson, Tiffany Parks, Salvatore Talluto, Terry Filippo, Tiffany Nixon, Jason Tillman, Tina Venus, Umber Hanief, Valerie Steele-Hancock, Vicky Conner, Robin Weinrich, Alan Wheeler, Levi White, Willena Moye, Angie Willis, Alan Wheeler, Christina McClung, Daphnie Miller, Elizabeth King, **N. Green**

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Nathalie Dames greeted the attendees. Kim Crews started the meeting at 10:05a.m., and she welcomed new members: Jeremy Fajman, Jasmine Duncan, Robin Weinrich, Sara Morris, Dustin Ledford, Ryan Lutz.

The committee adopted the minutes of July 12, 2022.

The updated minutes can be found at this link: [IFCC Meeting Minutes – TCSG Office of Technical Education](#)

DISCUSSION SUMMARY:

TCSG System updates

-There are three opportunities to get a high school equivalency or High School diploma or some credentials for Technical College: (1) Accelerated career options (*for students currently enrolled in High School*), dual achievement (*must be withdrawn from High School and completed six to nine High School requirements*), and career plus HSE (*must be 21 years old and not in High School*).

Curriculum program specialist team

-Dr. Sandra King, Steve Conway, Mike Howard, Sasha Kahiga, Tammy Bryant, Oenia Odums, Barbara West

-Faculty Development Institute-two phases

Per Nathalie Dames, please attend all sessions. These sessions are good for experienced instructors too. The next in-person option is Oct 17 at Gwinnett Technical College.

Generative AI Discussion

-Per Nathalie Dames, there is no set recommendation for AI yet. Safe Assign does not have AI detection yet. TCSG has an AI research team. Individual colleges can pay for AI tools. Nathalie Dames introduced the attendees to Slido, a polling tool. It's more dynamic. Slido is free for TCSG instructors.

New English Course

Robin Weinrich has proposed a new course titled, African Literature. The course was inspired by author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. This will be a survey course. It's similar to American literature and Engl. Comp. 1102. This course will focus specifically on African writers. Per Nathalie Dames, all proposed courses will need to be attached to a program.

Review Course Outcomes and Learning Objectives

English

Engl. 1005:

-The English group decided that the outcomes did not need any changes. Jim Moore suggested a title change. The group agreed to change the title to Applied Writing and Communication.

Engl. 1101:

-The English group decided that the outcomes did not need any changes.

Engl. 1010:

-The English group decided that the outcomes did not need any changes. Except, change the pre-requisite section to state this: the pre-requisite will be the appropriate placement test scores. Per Cherie Shipman, Gwinnett Technical College still uses Engl. 0097 as a pre-requisite for this class.

Engl. 1101

-The English group decided that the outcomes did not need any changes.

Engl. 1102

-The English group decided that the outcomes did not need any changes.

American Lit.

-The English group decided that the outcomes did not need any changes.

-Jim Moore suggested that the next meeting should focus on copyright and OER.

Fine Arts and Humanities

We had members present from Theater Appreciate, Art Appreciation, Music Appreciation, humanities, and Student Success

The discussion began with a question about course competencies and whether participants had any issues or concerns with them.

- Art – fine the way they are
- Theater – question about Historical and Cultural competency
 - o Suggested that Jeremy Fajman from Athens Technical and Willena Moye from Chattahoochee Technical email each other and discuss this further
- Music – comfortable with competency
- Humanity – recent changes have been good and made courses better
- Student Success – fine the way they are

Next, Delores Guillory from Georgia Piedmont asked for more information about Theater Arts course as they are going to offer this course and requested syllabi from participants

- Suggested that Jeremy Fajman and Willena Moye send their course syllabus to to Delores at guillord@gptc.edu

The next discussion was about textbooks.

- Jeremy shared that he uses Art of Theater (physical textbook)
- Many colleges require or encourage OER textbooks
 - o Suggested that Willena Moye send Georgia Piedmont any information she has about OER resources for Theater Appreciation
- Delores at guillord@gptc.edu and
- Claudette Alexander-Thomason at aleanderc@gptc.edu

Next discussed any special projects students do in different subject areas

Requiring students go to live theater performances

- Some colleges require at least one at the college level or above
- Proof of attendance is required
- Suggested uploading ticket stub or Playbill with student name and CRN on it
- Also suggested having a Discussion Board forum where students could share performances they had seen (including ones that were free or cheap)

• Art discussed a project where students create a work of art in the style of an artist they have studied: study artist, historic styles, students create work and write artist statement

- Some displayed in class
- Online students present through videos
- Better pieces on display in library

Next a question came up about eCampus courses in fine arts

Last question discussed was Generated Artificial Intelligence

- Point was made that many research and educational tools started out as not being acceptable (i.e. calculators) and came to be accepted
- How can we use AI as a learning tool?
- What are the good and bad aspects of AI?
- o Participants discussed use of AI in their classes and gave examples of some good and bad outcomes

Vote for New Chair

-Tiffany Parks and Robert Reno were the finalists for the new chair to replace Kim Crews.

-The committee chose Tiffany Parks as the new State chair.

The committee chose Robert Reno as the new State recorder.

Discussion on Student Success

-Per Hannah Holmes, students are struggling with student success. At her college Southern Regional, they started advising students what to expect in class before they enter the classroom to get some pre-expectations.

-Jim Moore asks about the theory of positive education.

-Salvatore Talluto suggests to go back to the basics with a quick review at the beginning of the course. Also, his college has an academic boot camp before the semester starts.

-Claudette Thompson says that she gets students to do positive affirmations and class reviews at the beginning of class

-Per Nathalie Dames, since this meeting is about to end, there needs to be a meeting scheduled for this fall or early spring about two very important topics: AI and learning support. The meeting will be virtual. Nathalie Dames will announce a date and time soon.

-Per Nathalie Dames, this will be the last meeting on Webex. The next meeting will be face to face, TBD.

-Kim Crews adjourned the meeting at 1:05p.m.

Minutes Submitted By: Tiffany Parks

Tiffany Parks - State Chair (Gwinnett)

Hannah Holmes - State Vice Chair (Southern Regional Tech)

Robert Reno - State Recorder (Georgia Piedmont Tech)

Mallory Hicks -North Chair (North Georgia Tech)

Michael StoneWright - North Vice Chair/Recorder (Atlanta)

Matthew Gainous - Central Chair (Ogeechee Tech)

Brad Jester - Central Vice Chair/Recorder (Southern Crescent Tech)

Laura Waters - South Chair (Coastal Pines Tech)

Marla Fowler - South Vice (Albany Tech)