

**MINUTES FOR APRIL 12, 2006 MEETING
OF ARTS AND SCIENCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MACON STATE COLLEGE, 102 LEARNING SUPPORT BUILDING**

Linda Calendrillo, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1 pm.

Those present signed an attendance sheet: Linda Calendrillo, Valdosta State University; Surendra Pandey, Albany State University; Rob Gingras, Bainbridge College; Thierry Leger, Kennesaw State University; Glenn Stokes, Columbus State University; David L. White, West Georgia University; Robert Parham, Augusta State University; Jane Wong, Armstrong Atlantic State University; Bill Chappell, Columbus State University; Rob Page, Georgia Highlands College; Eric Sun, Macon State University; Anny Morrobel-Sosa, Georgia Southern University; Bill Wysochansky, Georgia Southwestern State University; Dorothy Zinsmeister, Board of Regents; and Trish Patterson, Board of Regents.

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- Linda Calendrillo distributed the minutes for review. Some corrections were noted. Linda Calendrillo will revise and redistribute.
- There was discussion about the A&S resolution at the December EPAAC meeting and its effect. The resolution was approved by the EPAAC. Dorothy Zinsmeister reported that the resolution also passed the VPAAAs in February.
- Rob Gingras reported that the Area F course in mathematics for Early Childhood Education has been revised and will be presented at EPAC.
- Dorothy Zinsmeister outlined history and discussions about credentialing and professional development for faculty who will be teaching Area F mathematics courses. There was discussion about faculty knowledge and practice of pedagogy. Many faculty are not knowledgeable about recent research in pedagogy and were not hired for this. There is a push from SACS for assessments for institutional effectiveness. There was support for developing an appropriate model with a frame in terms of the teaching and learning of students. Model should attend to scheduling during work week, prolonged engagement, and sufficient financing. There was consensus that targeted grants or initiatives from the System Office would be helpful as a levee to encourage culture change toward focus on learning and teaching.
- Trish Patterson reported that the Prior Learning Assessment demonstrative project at Valdosta State University has determined a focus on preparing secondary mathematics and science teachers at the T4 and T5 levels. The project will begin Summer '07 and will track and evaluate results for possible expansion and dissemination to other institutions. [PLA targets second career students/learners.]

- Dorothy Zinsmeister will communicate with Physics academic committee regarding interest in Physics Consortium. Concern was expressed about losing programs due to low enrollment and graduation rates. Physics Consortium is an approach to increase efficiency and capacity.
- Chair for 06-07 is Alan Gabrielli. Chair-elect is Robert Parham.

Meeting adjourned at 4pm.

Minutes developed from notes by Trish Patterson.