

SACS Steering Committee Meeting

March 9, 2020

The SACS Steering Committee met on Monday, March 9th at 1:30 p.m. in the Banquet Room in the Sandridge Student Center. Present were Ms. Pam Clark, Recorder; Ms. Jackie Gooch; Mr. Jeff Guenther; Dr. Greg Holliday; Mr. Chris Latham; Ms. Katia Maxwell; Dr. Ronnie Merritt; Dr. Jackie Smith; Dr. Bruce Thomas and Ms. Debra Vaughn. Mr. Jonathan Craft; Ms. Lynn Frank; Dr. Rosemary Hodges; and Dr. Katherine Quinnell were absent.

Dr. Smith called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. She welcomed everyone and thanked them for their time. She asked for a motion to approve the February minutes. Mr. Guenther made a motion to approve and Dr. Thomas seconded the motion. The minutes were approved on a voice vote.

I. Purpose

The purpose of the meeting was to review and discuss the narratives for the Compliance Report that have been entered into the sections, to acknowledge any problems or questions with the narratives and to communicate valuable resources.

II. Discussions

- The committee decided to meet every other week beginning in April.
- A printed copy of the Compliance Report will be distributed at the next meeting for review and to determine what sections need work.
- The List of Degrees for Academic Year 2019-2020 and Previous Year Number of Graduates table, which is part of the Institutional Summary Form, was distributed and discussed (see handout). Athens State currently has thirty-four bachelor's degrees, three master's degrees, seventeen certificates and fifty-four minors. The programs listed on the handout are from the 2019-2020 catalog and the graduates or degrees awarded are from 2018-2019; therefore, the new programs will not have any graduates.
- Bachelor's and Master's degree terminology is to be used in the narratives for accuracy and consistency.
- Dr. Sandra Jordan from the University of South Carolina Aiken has been identified as the on-site SACS team chair.
- For consistency, Ms. Gooch agreed to create links for the standards. Some links have already been created and are located in the SACS drive.
- Ms. Maxwell updated the committee on the status of the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). Survey data has been collected and analyzed. A definition for Experiential Learning will be established and forwarded to the Faculty Senate then to the Cabinet for approval.

The next meeting will be April 13th.

Dr. Smith thanked everyone for their comments and their work on the report. The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Pamela D. Clark

Handout: List of Degrees for Academic Year 2019-2020 and Previous Year Number of Graduates