

Meeting Minutes: Committee on Chemistry

April 24, 1998 Meeting

The Chemistry Academic Advisory Committee (CAAC) of the USG Board of Regents held its annual meeting at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, Georgia on April 24, 1998. The meeting was held just prior to the Georgia Academy of Science Annual Meeting, also held at Armstrong Atlantic on the 24th and 25th of April. The CAAC meeting began at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:15 p.m. Twenty of the 34 schools were represented at the meeting. Leon Combs (outgoing chair) conducted the meeting as follows:

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

Leon Combs gave a detailed presentation on the web site he created for use by the members of the committee <http://stern.kennesaw.edu/%7Elcombs/caac> <http://stern.kennesaw.edu/~lcombs/caac/>. The purpose of the web site is to provide a mechanism to conduct business within the committee and to share information and ideas concerning our common areas of interest. Leon agreed to keep the site active for the foreseeable future. The minutes from the 1997 meeting are under Course Info on the WEB site. You get to the WEB site from the above site. The 1998 minutes will also be placed there. Current topics of discussion on the web site involve:

Course outlines to include topics to be covered in the three different General Chemistry Courses (CHEM 1211/1212, CHEM 1151/1152, CHEM 1101/1102) and in the Organic Chemistry Course (both semesters). The consensus of the committee was that each school would post their outlines and/or syllabi for these courses as well as the textbook currently being used. The intent of this posting is to allow all committee members to see what specific topics are being addressed in these courses as a benchmark for their own use. It was generally agreed that there would be no attempt by the

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each show a fifteen minute video of their problem based laboratory experiments for Freshman chemistry. A panel will then discuss the presentations with the guest speakers, and entertain questions from all of the participating schools. Dates and times for the presentation were discussed and finally agreed upon. There will be two presentations given on May 20, 1998, the first from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and the second from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Committee members were asked to coordinate with their respective schools and to inform Leon Combs as to their preferred times for participation. Students should be asked to participate to obtain their input and suggestions.

Subcommittee assignments were discussed and it was agreed to keep the current committees:

Assessment, Faculty Development, Placement, Safety, Semester Conversion, and Planning. A copy of current subcommittee assignments is attached to this report. The new chair of the CAAC (Dan Jackson) will

