

RACAA – RACSA
Annual Summer Meeting
Brasstown Valley Resort
6321 Highway 76
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July 10 – 12, 2011

Topic: Core Implementation

Background:

On October 14, 2009 the Board of Regents approved the revised core curriculum policy. The core revision focused on two major goals: 1 – ease of transfer and 2 – institutional flexibility to develop cores that fit each institution's unique mission. The Core Curriculum Evaluation Committee set minimum hours in each Area A-E. Institutions can then decide how to distribute the remaining hours among A-E. Area F remains at precisely 18 hours. The Committee additionally set three core overlay requirements. They are Goal I – U.S. Perspectives, Goal II – Global Perspectives, and Goal III – Critical Thinking. The Core Curriculum Evaluation committee set broad general education learning goals for each Area A-E in the core. Each institution is charged with developing student learning outcomes for Areas A-E and for Goals I-III.

Institutional student learning outcomes are being reviewed/approved by the Council on General Education. New course proposals or proposals to move courses from one Area to another are now first reviewed by the appropriate Regents' Academic Advisory Committee and then by the Council on General Education. The Council also reviews institutional decisions regarding distribution of hours in Areas A-E. All four year universities must have student learning outcomes and core approved and implemented by Fall 2011. All access institutions must have their outcomes and core approved by Fall 2012. The overlay requirements are effective Fall 2012 for students new to the System Fall 2012.

The revised core policy can be found at the following url: <http://core.usg.edu/uploads/CorePolicy2009-09-23.pdf>.

Current Status:

- All four year universities will have outcomes and Area A-E hour distribution decisions finalized for Fall 2011. This Friday, July 15th is the summer meeting of the General Education Council.
- Overlay decisions (outcomes and courses to satisfy them) must be implemented Fall 2012. They apply to students new to the System Fall 2012.
- Access institutions must have outcomes, Area A-E hour distribution, and overlays in place by Fall 2012.
- Course proposal review process: <http://core.usg.edu/implementation/>
- Institutional student learning outcomes and core curriculum that have been approved are posted on the USG Core Curriculum website: http://core.usg.edu/documents/current_institutional_cores/

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Action Needed:

Core revision decisions need to be taken into account in building your information for transfer, degree audit and thus the portal:

Important to note:

- Articulation is now course to course transfer instead of Area to Area transfer
- Some institutions have redistributed hours in Areas A-E; institutions will need to decide where to put "extra" hours if they receive a transfer student who has taken more hours in a particular Area.

Access Institutions who have not yet submitted learning outcomes and Areas A-E hour distributions must do so in the next year. There will be at least two General Education Council meetings, one Fall 2011 and one Spring 2012.

Questions:

