



**Purpose & Direction Committee
October 23, 2025 – Meeting Notes**

- The meeting began promptly at 11:15 PM.
- Committee members in attendance: Linda Bradley, Associate Dean Doyin Coker-Kolo, Stacy Waller and Interim Dean Joanne Previts
 - Regrets: Alex Berglund & Hiller Crook
- Meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM

Dr. Previts will not be present for the COE Meeting in November for GACTE. Dr. Coker-Kolo will Facilitate

The primary emphasis of this meeting is to plan the COE Meeting and to connect regarding the Celebration of Gratitude with Dirty Turkey Game

Retirement Celebration (presented by Nancy Mizelle – gifts and speaking; 3-5 minutes total for both colleagues) will be on November 14th as part of the COE Celebration of Gratitude – Thanksgiving Potluck.

Link on Flyer with date for COE Celebration of Thanksgiving & Gratitude with Dirty Turkey Game, Atrium, Can Bring Food Item for COE Student Food Pantry (Flyer from Stacy) Check with Valancia about accepting any monetary amount for the student pantry. Hiller and/or Heather – game, potluck app and deadline. Linda does a brief expected agenda – Welcome...as well as major times for the celebration. Linda will serve as a point person for facility volunteers and the luncheon on November 14th.

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm Welcome, Updates, and Celebrations

- Approval of Meeting Minutes (October)
- Announcements – Rachel Bray – book clubs
- Updates – COE Dean’s Office; Senate; call by email

2:20 pm – 2:35-2:40 pm Program Spotlight – Teacher Leadership has committed Janet Turner, Marcia Peck, and LaTeshia Warren

2:40 Graduate Recruitment (15-20 minutes)

Graduate Recruitment – Dr. Coker-Kolo will lead and invite Shanda Brand. Update COE sharing what our efforts already are, and Brainstorming Session (Graduate Council may need suggestions from faculty on possibilities or increasing graduate enrollment; e.g., double Bobcats, EPSC, needs of P-12, long term matching) We are not asking for people to recruit; just asking how we might streamline efforts and better reach out to potential students. Thinking inside and outside of the box works well. We may have to solve details later but imagine for now. Use of Table Tents to facilitate discussion topics (e.g., marketing, partnerships with A&S recruiting on campus, venues for recruitment, innovative program ideas – current or future, conversation with our recruiter, curriculum repackaging, internal GCSU partnerships and external partnerships for recruiting) Ask Dr. Brand about the return on investment for recruiting efforts as we consider next steps? Provide a “FORM” so table groups can share more about ideas generated, questions that came up, and next steps.

3:10 pm Closing

Upcoming Retirement Celebrations

- Dr. Dianne Gregg
- Dr. Marcia Peck
- Cake and Gifts – Valancia Devereux & Joanne Previts and Linda Bradley

Gifts have been engraved and delivered to Dr. Mizelle for wrapping and presenting on November 14th. Linda will follow up on the cake and/or whether to adjust in any way as we build the potluck menu on the app.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Thursday, October 23rd: Dr. Meg Jay 2:00 pm in Magnolia Ballroom

Friday, November 7th: November CoE Meeting

Wednesday, November 12th – Friday, November 14th: GACTE Conference in Atlanta

Friday, November 14th: COE Thanksgiving Potluck with Dirty Turkey Game 12:00 pm -2:00 pm in Kilpatrick Atrium