

Agenda
Meeting of the College of Social Sciences (COSS) Faculty Council
October 21, 2016, 10:00 a.m. Dean's Conference Room

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

Items of Business

- 1. Course/Program Modifications**
- 2. COSS P&P and By-law Discussion from the Town Hall meeting**
 - a. Reviewing the issues from the meeting**
 - b. Scheduling the next steps**
- 3. Updates on the Action items from the last meeting**
- 4. Updates from the COSS Chairs' meeting**
- 5. Questions of program modifications: BA vs. BS issue - Recommendation?**
- 6. Grade replacement at the Graduate level: "Currently, there is no policy for graduate students who want to retake a course to improve their GPA (or other reasons). Some Colleges have reported that it is handled on a department-department basis. Please let me know what process (if any) you have followed in the past and if your department has a policy in place."**
- 7. HB 801: "passed by the legislature and signed into law July 1, 2016, is designed to incentivize students to choose a STEM major. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, students with the HOPE scholarship will receive a boost to their GPA. It will be determined using weighted grades for STEM college courses typically taken in the first two years of college by adding .5 if the grade is a B, C or D. The University System has the responsibility of identifying the courses to receive the weights in consultation with the Technical College System, the Department of Economic Development and Private Colleges across Georgia. According to the bill, courses approved should be rigorous and required for majors tied to employment in high demand STEM fields."**

Other business and announcements

- 1. Next meeting schedules?**
 - a. UPC meetings (Cale Self): 12/1**
 - b. GPC meetings (Matt Varga): 11/29, 1/17, 2/14, 3/7, 4/11, & 6/6**