The AGS Online committee meeting began at 1:30 pm……

Present: Sherry Waggaman, Eric Rayburn, and, Dr. Belinda Dalton-Russell.
Karen McKissack arrived at 1:45pm.

Absentees: Naomi Yonke, Ryan Wyckoff, Jon Spors, Diana Wyatt

Dr. Dalton-Russell updated Eric Rayburn and Sherry Waggamon on the progress of the committee as of date, which included the accreditation procedure and the role of the committee. She also discussed the assignment of Karen McKissack, which was to list all of the general education classes that were offered online.

Referring to last meetings minutes, Dr. Dalton-Russell discussed finding out if there are other colleges in Illinois that offer an AGS Online Degree. She also stated that we have graduated students with the AGS Degree. Dr. Dalton-Russell also stated that the AGS allows students to create their own concentration as long as classes can be used for both ASA/AAS degrees.

The AGS Online is accessible for students on vacation, the cost of gas is not an issue and, childcare costs are decreased.

Copies of the original proposal and other documents will be distributed to both Eric Rayburn and Sherry Waggaman.

Dr. Dalton-Russell gave an overview of the report submitted by Diana Wyatt. Diana learned that Parkland, Lakeland and the College of DuPage are the only colleges in Illinois who offer an online AGS Degree. Diana will continue to search for additional online degree programs in Illinois. Dr. Dalton-Russell stated that we may have to look outside the state for colleges who offer this degree.

Dr. Dalton-Russell announced that at our next meeting, October 31, 2006, she will share more information on the procedure for course approval for online and will have information about other colleges that Diana may find that offer the AGS Online.

Referring to the morning session of the In-Service and Dr. Appleson, Dr. Dalton-Russell stated that the style, tone, font and specific descriptions of our final document should not overlap. We should be consistent with other groups. We could meet and write brief
statements and refer to relevant sections. Dr. Dalton-Russell stated that Randy Fletcher may enlighten us on how course approval is gained for online.

The committee was not sure who approves courses for online but, will check with Alice Cowan. This degree can be earned with a combination of online and on-campus classes.

Things to remember: make sure it is noted that pre-requisites must be met and that exams may be taken on campus.

Sherry Waggaman stated there could be some ethical issues. For example, testing issues/concerns – is the student taking the test or is someone else. Out of state students and new students, how can we Proctor these tests? Placement and proof of math English and science completion are a concern when it comes to pre-requisites.

Sherry Waggaman also mentioned the importance of a phone number. Sometimes students don’t realize the importance of communicating with the instructor/online class.

At our next meeting we will discuss the concerns brought up in this meeting. We will also discuss Karen’s and Diana’s information.

Once again we discussed the difficulty in scheduling a meeting that would accommodate everyone.

Next meeting is October 31, 2006. A time has not been scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Cc: Dave L. Kietzmann
   Randy Fletcher