

**STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**Articulation and General Studies Committee**

Online-Zoom Virtual Meeting  
July 14, 2020

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Committee Members Present:**

Dr. Mary Coleman, Chair	University of South Alabama
Dr. Pamela Arrington	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Wubishet Tadesse	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Tanjula Petty	Alabama State University
Dr. Jacqueline Trimble, Alternate	Alabama State University
Dr. Megan Good	Auburn University
Dr. Charles Israel, Alternate	Auburn University
Dr. Eva Lewis	University of Alabama at Birmingham
Dr. Tonjanita Johnson, Alternate	University of Alabama System
Dr. Hal Fulmer	Troy University
Dr. Tim Edwards, Alternate	University of West Alabama
Dr. Lisa Williams, Alternate	Jacksonville State University
Dr. Bruce Crawford	Lawson State Community College
Ms. Leslie Reeder	Wallace Community College-Dothan
Dr. David Campbell, Alternate	Northeast Alabama Community College
Dr. Annette Cederholm, Vice- Chair	Snead State Community College
Dr. Bradley Fricks, Alternate	Alabama Community College System

**Ex-Officio Members:**

Dr. Keith Sessions, Executive Director	AGSC/STARS
Mr. Shannon Nichols	AGSC/STARS
Dr. Robin McGill	ACHE

**Committee Members Absent:**

Dr. Eric Loomis	University of South Alabama
Dr. Ken Kitts	University of North Alabama
Ms. Jackie Screws, Alternate	Chattahoochee Valley Community College

**Others Present:**

Mrs. Jacinta Whitehurst	ACHE
Mr. Mike Malley	University of Alabama

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the Articulation and General Studies Committee was called to order at 10:03 a.m. A quorum was determined by roll call of members present.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Dr. Arrington moved for the adoption of the agenda. Dr. Cedarholm seconded. The agenda was adopted.

**NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBERS & GUESTS:**

New members that were previously introduced at the June 19, 2020 meeting were Dr. Eva Lewis, Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness and Academic Planning, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Dr. Tonjanita Johnson, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, University of Alabama System and Ms. Leslie Reeder, Dean of Instruction, Wallace Community College Dothan.

Mr. Mike Malley, University of Alabama discussed his continuing work to organize the STARS template around career clusters and the pathways framework.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dr. Arrington moved for the approval of the June 19, 2020 minutes. Dr. Cedarholm seconded. Minutes were approved.

**Sub-Committee Updates & Discussion.**

Analysis of the general education core curriculum and development of new math pathways (META MAJORS)

Dr. Coleman briefly went over subcommittee discussions regarding meta majors and using it to restructure Areas I-IV. She mentioned the interstate passport as a possible discussion. She also mentioned the career clusters work happening in the state and on campuses and how programs would align with the career clusters at institutions.

Dr. Coleman asked members if the meta-major pathway at institutions were still moving forward and she spoke for USA moving forward in the administrative and organizing work but the realigning has stalled. Dr. Lewis, UAB mentioned they have designed their pathways for degrees but they are focusing around their learning outcomes. Dr. Fulmer, TU said they have had conversations about how meta major might functions and how to do a more effective job in advising with meta major clusters. Dr. Johnson, UA, no information on the topic.

Dr. Coleman polled the subcommittees on moving forward with the meta majors or career clusters framework for rethinking the structure in the General Education curriculum and the subcommittee is still on board with the meta major framework.

Dr. Sessions briefly described how his office created some sample career cluster pathways. They used the STAR transfer guides/templates and matched them to a specific career cluster pathway.

Dr. Coleman commented that the subcommittee will work on a plan for a framework for meta majors and bring it to the committee for recommendation by the fall.

Dr. McGill summarized the approach of the Interstate Passport which is a student learning outcome model, and the subject area course content which AGSC currently uses and the career clusters model Dr. Sessions described.

#### AP Credit

Dr. Israel discussed the ongoing and future work of the subcommittee. He explained the college board was trying to expand access to their product and asking states to adopt a standard score of AP test of a three. The task for this subcommittee is to ascertain if the standard score of a three for AP test would be possible and if there would be any future implications. One comment was it may affect dual enrollment.

#### Performance Metrics

Dr. McGill discussed the performance metrics in terms of the performance of the stated goals of the STARS programs and the goal in easing transfers, retaining credits and moving between institutions in the state. The performance of the committee and its goals has been measured by student experiences and quantity of STARS official guides. She investigated ACHE resources that could provide more specifics that may validate guide usage and the decline in downloads.

#### **State Transfer Student Report from ACHE**

Dr. McGill presented data on the undergraduate transfers summary for Fall 2018 from the ACHE database.

A copy of the presentation can be found on the ACHE website at [www.ache.edu](http://www.ache.edu).

Dr. Coleman mentioned a tour of the ACHE website as an agenda item for the fall meeting.

Dr. Good suggested in thinking about the performance evaluations that there be more transparency for professional programs when students transfer from a two-year school and reverse transfers.

#### **Interstate Passport- "Call to Action"- WICHE**

Dr. McGill discussed the Interstate Passport model which focuses on students achieving learning outcomes regardless of the courses in which they learned them. When a student achieves the learning outcomes, they earn a Passport at their institution and if they transfer to another network member institution, their lower division general

education requirements will be met. She suggested we should invite a WICHE person to a future meeting.

A few committee members were concerned with Interstate Passport for the following reasons;

- concerned with state law issues
- being able to collaborate with faculty
- the assessment of learning outcomes

Dr. Coleman said she will begin to collect resources and frame out goals for comment from the committee for the Interstate Passport model and how it could be incorporated in future discussions.

### **Nomination and Election of 2020-2021 AGSC Vice-Chair (Chair Elect)**

Dr. Johnson moved to elect Dr. Pamela Arrington as Vice-Chair. Dr. Good seconded. There were no other nominations from the floor. Motion passed.

### **Other Items for Discussion or Vote/Other Announcements**

Dr. Coleman suggested the subcommittees send Dr. Sessions a summary of the committees work for the past year and goals moving forward for the upcoming year for the annual report.

Dr. Sessions mentioned an award to be given to Dr. Coleman at the next meeting for her work as the Chair. He thanked her for her guidance during this pandemic to keep moving the work forward.

Dr. Coleman commented to the Chairs of the subcommittees to let Dr. Cedarholm know if they are still able to Chair the subcommittee.

### **Next Meeting: July 28, 2020 – 10:00 AM- ZOOM Online Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

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Dr. Mary Coleman, Chair

*Jacinta Whitehurst, Recording Secretary*