

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

Alabama State University / Ralph David Abernathy Hall  
January 16, 2020

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

**Committee Members Present:**

Dr. Mary Coleman, Chair	University of South Alabama
Dr. Wubishet Tadesse	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Tanjula Petty	Alabama State University
Dr. Megan Good	Auburn University
Dr. Charles Israel, Alternate	Auburn University
Dr. Luoheng Han	University of Alabama
Dr. Charles Nash	University of Alabama System
Dr. Lisa Williams, Alternate	Jacksonville State University
Dr. Hal Fulmer	Troy University
Dr. Tim Edwards, Alternate	University of West Alabama
Dr. Bruce Crawford	Lawson State Community College
Dr. Annette Cederholm, Vice Chair	Snead State Community College
Dr. Bradley Fricks, Alternate	Alabama Community College System
Ms. Jackie Screws	Chattahoochee Valley Community College

**Ex-Officio Members:**

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

**Committee Members Absent:**

Dr. Pamela Arrington	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Jacqueline Trimble, Alternate	Alabama State University
Dr. Eric Loomis	University of South Alabama
Dr. Ken Kitts	University of North Alabama
Dr. Matt Rodgers	Enterprise State Community College
Dr. David Campbell	Northeast Alabama Community College

**Others Present:** Pat Sims, Drake State Community College; Cary Curtiss, AU; Steve Katsinas, UA; Noel Keeney, UA

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Articulation and General Studies Committee was called to order at 10:12 a.m. A quorum was determined by roll call of members present.

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

**MEMBER UPDATES:** None

**MEMBER RECOGNITION:** Dr. Sessions informally recognized Dr. Nash for over 25 years of services and contributions on the STARS committee. On behalf of the committee, Dr. Sessions thanked him for his services. The committee would like to formally recognize Dr. Nash at the Spring meeting in April 2020. Also, Dr. Coleman mentioned she would like to meet with Dr. Nash to get some insight on the role he played on this committee over the years.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dr. Fulmer moved for the approval of the October 17, 2019 minutes. Dr. Cederholm seconded. Minutes were approved.

### **STARS Usage Reports**

Mr. Nichols discussed the annual usage reports (December 2018-December 2019) at the meeting. He added the annual CAPS report for January 2019- December 2019 which is an annual usage report based on the community colleges. Dr. Sessions explained the color-coded categories used to distinguish students, counselors, advisors, administrators and parents who obtained the STARS guide on the website. Dr. Sessions recommended sending a survey to the community colleges to ask how they promote the use of accessing the guide. Dr. Coleman suggested the committee members to send in any thoughts, ideas or questions they would like to ask on the survey and Dr. Sessions will draft a survey to be circulated to the committee before the final survey is dispersed. *A copy of the annual usage reports is available by request.*

### **Ratification of Templates.**

Dr. Sessions presented the following institution specific templates for ratification as recommended by the Chief Academic Officers (copies attached):

#### Addiction & Recovery (UA Only)

Dr. Good moved for approval. Dr. Edwards seconded. Motion passed.

#### Animal Bio-Health Sciences (AAMU Only)

Dr. Fulmer moved for approval. Dr. Good seconded. Motion passed.

#### Occupational/Career & Technical Education (Athens State & Troy Univ Only)

Dr. Fulmer moved for approval. Dr. Han seconded. Motion passed.

## **The New STARS Platform-Website Re-Design-UPDATE**

Dr. Sessions gave an update on the new website ~~that he in which him~~ and Mr. Nichols are ~~working on~~ redesigning ~~the template~~. He also mentioned that decisions need to be made soon from the General Education Core subcommittee for Areas I-V in regard to any changes. Dr. Sessions will discuss in details the website designs and current updates in April after the next meeting.

### **2020 Achieve Conference Update**

Dr. Sessions gave an update on registration numbers, presentation proposals, vendors and speakers.

Dr. Good suggested that the committee members could submit presentation proposals to facilitate some of the break-out sessions.

Dr. Han suggested a 2-year and 4-year institution present a session together.

Dr. Nash suggested a workforce development speaker, Donnie Jones.

### **General Education Core Curriculum Sub-Committee- Update**

Dr. Coleman mentioned the sub-committee hasn't met but two meetings are being planned before the spring meeting.

Dr McGill shared information from Complete College Alabama in regards to the guided pathways initiative. Also, the Statewide Taskforce on Accelerating Math Pathways (STAMP) which is an initiative looking at alternative general education pathways.

### **Statewide Transfer Equivalency Matrix**

Dr. McGill shared a hand-out with the committee. The hand-out contained a spreadsheet of ACCS standard curriculum courses organized by Areas and matched up with each 4-year institutions. The goal was to recognize any gaps or areas that could be more streamlined.

Dr. Coleman suggested a meeting with Dr. McGill and a few committee members to review and report at the next meeting with a recommendation on how to proceed to move this process forward. *The hand-out is available by request.*

### **ACCS Course Directory Review- Update**

Dr. Fricks discussed the ACCS curriculum review in which the syllabi have been updated on the AGSC website and the top 20 fall enrollment transfer courses were submitted to Dr. Sessions. Also, on February 21, 2020, ACCS will be having a meeting in regards to the transfer math and literature courses at Southern Union Community College.

### **Amendment to the Bylaws-Proposal for vote at next AGSC Meeting**

Dr. Coleman moved for approval to table the amendment to the bylaws. Dr. Fulmer moved for approval. Dr. Cedarholm seconded. Motion passed

**Other**

Dr. Coleman mentioned upon Dr. Nash retirement the need to have someone continue in the role to bring relevant information to the committee and to have communication with the Council of Presidents. Dr. Nash recommended Dr. Edwards and he agreed to take over the role.

Dr. Coleman moved to appoint Dr. Edwards as the official liaison to the Council of Presidents and Chief Academic Officers. Dr. Crawford moved to affirm the selection. Dr. Han seconded. Motion passed

**SCHEDULE OF FUTURE AGSC MEETINGS**

April 2020                      10:00 am                      Location: TBA

The January 16, 2020 meeting of the AGSC adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

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Dr. Mary Coleman, Chair

*Jacinta Whitehurst, Recording Secretary*