

STATE OF ALABAMA
Articulation and General Studies Committee
Alabama Community College System / President's Conference Room
October 17, 2019

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. Jacqueline Trimble, Alternate	Alabama State University
Dr. Megan Good	Auburn University
Dr. Charles Israel, Alternate	Auburn University
Dr. Luoheng Han	University of Alabama
Dr. Ken Kitts	University of North Alabama
Dr. Lisa Williams, Alternate	Jacksonville State 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. David Campbell	Northeast Alabama 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
Jacinta Whitehurst, Secretary	ACHE

Committee Members Absent:

Dr. Wubishet Tadesse	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Leon Wilson	Alabama State University
Dr. Charles Nash	University of Alabama System
Dr. Eric Loomis	University of South Alabama
Dr. Hal Fulmer	Troy University
Ms. Jackie Screws	Chattahoochee Valley Community College
Dr. Matt Rodgers	Enterprise State Community College

Others Present: Cary Curtiss, AU; Tanjula Petty, ASU; Stephanie Paul, UA; Brandi Stacey, UA; Steve Katsinas, UA; Mike Malley, UA; Joe Belsterling, Major Clarity

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Articulation and General Studies Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was determined by roll call of members present.

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

MEMBER UPDATES: Dr. David Campbell, presently an Alternate member will replace Dr. Reidel as a Voting member. Ms. Jackie Screws (CVCC) was appointed as a 2- year Alternate member.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dr. Kitts moved for the approval of the July 11-12, 2019 minutes. Dr. Arrington seconded. Minutes were approved.

STARS Usage Reports

Mr. Nichols discussed the annual usage reports (July 2018-June 2019) at the planning session. Annual usage reports for Transfer Guide Requests, STARS System Usage, and Administrative/Unofficial STARS Guide Usage were also discussed. *A copy of the annual usage reports are available by request.*

Also, in response to a monthly guide usage report in which Calhoun CC had the highest usage among the colleges, Mr. Nichols contacted the college. He discovered that they use a lot of personnel in their advising center and every student has to go through the center if they have less than 45 credit hours. Dr. Session said he's going to survey all the points of contact at the 2-year colleges in regards to which method of advising they use as well as how they use STARS or introduce STARS.

Ratification of Templates.

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

Agricultural Communications (AU Only)

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

Interior Design (AU Only)

Dr. Good moved for approval with a recommendation from committee to amend the template to add BIO 103 and 104 in Area III and PHL 206 to Area II. Dr. Han seconded. Motion passed.

Interior Design (UA Only)

Dr. Crawford moved for approval. Dr. Cedarholm seconded. Motion passed.

Apparel & Textiles (AU and UA)

Dr. Kitts moved for approval with a recommendation from committee to amend the template to add BIO 103 and 104 in Area III. Dr. Crawford seconded. Motion passed.

Human Development & Family Studies (AU and UA)

Dr. Kitts moved for approval with a recommendation from the committee to eliminate SPH 106 or 107 from Area V and making it a requirement in Area II. Also, it should read BIO 101 or 103 in Area III. Dr. Arrington seconded. Motion passed.

Kinesiology & Exercise Science (Multiple Institutions)

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

Addiction & Recovery (UA Only)

This item was tabled for further review.

Philanthropy & Non-Profit Studies (AU Only)

Dr. Han moved for approval with a recommendation from the committee to delete HES 140 in Area III which is listed twice and to add BIO 103 and 104. Dr. Campbell seconded. Motion passed.

Presentation: The New STARS Platform-Website Re-Design

Dr. Sessions introduced a video which gave an overview of the New STARS platform and website redesign. *A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available upon request.*

Steve Katsinas gave some background information on the STARS 2016 evaluation done by the Education Policy Center at UA.

Mike Malley discussed the new websites ability to improve the exchange of information to the advisors, students and AGSC members.

Joe Belsterling, a representative of Major Clarity discussed their part of the project in which they can build a proof of concept to solve processes which can create a central hub for communication and engagement around the transfer process from 2 year to 4 year institutions. Also, it can include the ability to map STARS pathways to career exploration, the ability for transfer students to feel more connected to 4 year institutions, and further career alignment of their transfer decision making process.

General Education Core Curriculum Sub-Committee Report

This item was tabled and it will be discussed in the sub-committee meeting.

2020 Achieve Conference Update

Dr. Sessions gave an update on registration numbers, presentation proposals, vendors and speakers. Dr. Good suggested to highlight the proposals and registration deadlines.

Exploring Post Transfer Time to Degree

Dr. Good presented a PowerPoint presentation. She created a theoretical analysis using Auburn as a case study. Using the STARS guide for all Auburn programs offered, she accessed in theory, how long it would take a student to graduate after they transferred from a 2 year institution. It showed students could graduate from 88% of

Auburn programs within 2 years or 2 years and a semester. The other 12% of Auburn programs, it would take students an additional 3 years or more.

Alabama Community College System- Course Directory Review

Dr. Fricks discussed the implementation of a new course review rotation to make sure they are relevant and updated.

Statewide Transfer Equivalency Matrix

This item was tabled due to Dr. McGill not being present.

Amendment to the Bylaws-Discussion

Dr. Coleman discussed the Planning sub-committee idea to create a Program Chair as part of the elected officers, if AGSC is going to have a conference every year. In doing so, the by-laws would need to be revised to add a standing committee and an officer to the Executive Committee. She will poll the group in advanced of the next meeting to see if a proposal will be brought back to take action on at the spring meeting.

Other

None.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE AGSC MEETINGS

January, 2020 10:00 am Location: ASU

The October 17, 2019 meeting of the AGSC adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Dr. Mary Coleman, Chair

Jacinta Whitehurst, Recording Secretary

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MINUTES OF MEETING
1:00 PM

The general education core curriculum sub-committee meeting was called to order by Dr. Mary Coleman at 1:05 p.m.

Members present: Dr. Pamela Arrington, Dr. Luoheng Han, Dr. Megan Good, Dr. Jacqueline Trimble, Dr. Mary Coleman, Dr. Lisa Williams, Dr. Tim Edwards, Dr. Bruce Crawford, Dr. Annette Cenderholm, Dr. Bradley Fricks, Dr. Charles Israel, Dr. Tanjula Petty, Dr. Ken Kitts and Dr. David Campbell. STARS staff: Dr. Keith Sessions, Mr. Shannon Nichols. ACHE staff: Mrs. Jacinta Whitehurst.

Dr. Coleman gave a brief summary of some previous discussed points which were:

- To provide more flexibility in General Education curriculum.
- To protect transfer ability.
- To lessen the potential differences in curriculum/credit taking by transfer students versus native students.
- To the framework of student course taking response to some state census.
- To avoid standards of student learning outcomes.
- Modeling community college approach of identifying critical thinking and giving a broad definition of each.
- Changes to core curriculum should be flexible.

Dr. Han discussed what UA is doing in reference to General Education revisions. He mentioned they have a task force which is in the second year. They are crafting a basic statement for all campus stakeholders which are faculty, students, staff, community and employers. They have surveyed the faculty and staff and they have focus groups for students to get feedback on what they think General Education should equip them to have such as skillset and competency.

Dr. Trimble mentioned that ASU is beginning to have conversations about General Education changes but it has not officially started.

Dr. Coleman mentioned USA has a general education committee and they are focusing on three common areas, identifying competencies, map curriculums and use of their university assessments already in place. The committee will take data to produce ideas.

Dr. Israel talked about AU general education revisions that are being implemented. They are testing outcomes in the student's senior year.

Dr. Sessions reiterated that if any revisions are made to general education, every institution has to be willing to accept the changes in their core, so when a student transfers they will not be penalized. He also talked about looking into the meta-majors concept.

Dr. Good stated that student learning outcomes and competencies should be the responsibility of the institution and not the state. She thinks the group should focus on pathways which will be more productive.

Dr. Williams suggested the committee look at the descriptions of the areas, the basics are there but may not be modern enough.

Dr. Coleman briefly summarized some ideas that were mentioned such as

- values
- potential outcomes
- ways to get to next step

She stated for the next meeting the group could talk about a combination of ideas around things like meta-majors so the group can outline some clear goals and outcomes.

Dr. Sessions suggested that the committee submit a summary of what their institution is doing on their campus in terms of rethinking general education and the community college system to summarize what they would like to see come out of general education. The committee can compare summaries to see the commonality or paths to explore.

Mary Angela Coleman, Chair

Jacinta Whitehurst, Recording Secretary