

**ALABAMA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
ARTICULATION AND GENERAL STUDIES COMMITTEE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY  
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**MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Articulation and General Studies Committee (AGSC) was called to order by Dr. Don Crump, chair, at 10:30 A.M. The following members of the Committee were present:

Dr. Don Crump	University of Alabama
Dr. Julius Brown	Wallace Community College-Selma
Dr. Harold McGee	Jacksonville State University
Dr. Joe Morris	Jefferson State Community College
Dr. Gary Branch	Faulkner State Community College
Dr. Roy Johnson	Southern Union State Community College
Dr. Tom Osborne	University of North Alabama
Dr. John Morrow	University of South Alabama
Mr. William Conway	Troy State University
Dr. Gerald W. Johnson	Auburn University
Dr. Carol Daron	Auburn University
Dr. Paul Mohr	Alabama Commission on Higher Education
Dr. Hank Hector	Alabama Commission on Higher Education
Dr. Charles Nash	The University of Alabama System
Dr. Larry Allen	University of South Alabama

Others present: Larry Gerber, Charlotte Ward, Yvonne Kozlowski, Gordon Bond, John T. Fletcher, Rebekah Pendzola, Lawrence C. Wit, Stewart W. Schneller, Marilyn Garrett, Paul Parks, representing Auburn University; Bert Slafter, Department of Postsecondary Education; Ron Shum, Ingram State Community College; Rod Britt, Susan Salatto, Linda Johnson, representing Southern Union Community College; and Jack Moore, University of North Alabama.

After introductions of members and observers attending the meeting, Dr. Crump noted a correction to the spelling of Dr. Daron's name in the updated membership list. Dr. Gerald Johnson then extended a warm welcome from Auburn University and indicated that a packet of descriptive material about Auburn University was available to all in attendance.

Dr. Crump moved for the approval of the minutes from the October 27 meeting. Dr. Tom Osborne call attention to the third page of the minutes and asked that the words, consisting of academic deans, be deleted so the end of the sentence would be, discipline committees. Dr. John Morrow moved approval of the minutes as corrected and Dr. Gerald Johnson seconded.

The meeting began with a short review by Dr. Crump summarizing what the Committee had learned from the consultants from the University System of Georgia and the Florida Department of Education. There was overwhelming agreement that the Areas 1, 2, and 3 of the Georgia Model would serve as the best base for Alabama to begin the process of establishing a general studies curriculum for the two- and four-year colleges and universities. However, the members did agree to discuss Area 4 of the Georgia Model at a later date. Dr. Crump noted that the Florida Model contained a few elements that could easily be incorporated into the plan for Alabama. The Committee members also agreed that the main framework of Alabama's plan should be flexible whereby the institution has some degree of control on which courses are identified and how courses are recommended for approval as general studies courses that are transferable.

Dr. Crump then opened the floor to the Committee for comments about the common elements that would be necessary in a general studies curriculum. The following areas of information were discussed: the definition of the word "core"; concern about accreditation standards; competencies that need to be addressed in the curriculum standards of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS); agreement on the number of hours in the general studies program (quarter/semester) for degree purposes; and what relation the STARS program would have with articulation.

Dr. Crump suggested that the Committee develop a "skeleton" that would address a possible model that would contain 4 areas: 1) Communications, 2) Humanities, 3) Social Sciences, and 4) Natural Sciences. Dr. Osborne then distributed to the Committee for review and comment on a proposal he drafted for a general studies curriculum in Alabama.

The Committee broke for lunch at 12:05 P.M. and Dr. Crump reconvened the meeting at 1:00 P.M. Dr. Crump did a short review of what had been discussed by the Committee. No consensus could be reached by the members of the Committee on exactly what should be contained in each different area of a general studies program. Dr. Harold McGee suggested that a subcommittee be formed of two 2-year representatives and two 4-year representatives. The subcommittee would be charged with defining a program with categories to be discussed before the January meeting. The whole Committee would then hear the subcommittee's report and action would be taken at that time. Dr. Julius Brown supported this recommendation.

Dr. Crump was asked and agreed to chair the subcommittee and he asked Dr. Gary Branch to serve as co-chair. The other members selected to serve on the subcommittee are: Dr. Joe Morris, Dr. Roy Johnson, Dr. Tom Osborne, and Dr. Gerald Johnson. The members of the subcommittee agreed to meet at a time convenient to their schedules.

Dr. Crump then referred to a letter received from Dr. Joe Hill, dean of arts and sciences, Auburn University at Montgomery. Dr. Hill had expressed interest in being involved in articulation decisions by the Committee. Dr. Crump responded that he assured Dr. Hill and other observers in the meeting that the Committee intended to involve the faculties, deans, chief academic officers, Council of Presidents, and others in the articulation process in order to make it a successful program.

In summation, Dr. Crump stated that the Committee needed to tailor the articulation process to the colleges, and universities' requirements and by doing this would enable the student to make a quicker decision in his college curriculum and ultimately complete the associate or baccalaureate degree whether transfer to another institution was involved or not. Dr. Crump stated the next meeting of the Articulation and General Studies Committee would be January 27, 1995, on the campus of the University of North Alabama. The February meeting had been changed to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and the March meeting date was moved one week earlier to March 23 and would be held at Wallace Community College in Selma. Dr. Roy Johnson moved that the meeting be adjourned and was seconded by Dr. John Morrow.

The Articulation and General Studies Committee adjourned at 2:05 P.M.

Donald Crump, Chair