

ALABAMA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
Articulation and General Studies Committee
Banquet Room
Alabama State University
September 30, 1994

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Alabama Commission on Higher Education Articulation and General Studies Committee (AGSC) convened at 10:35 A.M. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Crump. The following members and guests were present:

Mr. Bill Conway	Troy State University/STARS Project Director
Dr. Bill Fendley, Guest	University of Alabama
Dr. Bessie Jones	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Tom Osborne	University of North Alabama
Dr. Gerald Johnson	Auburn University
Dr. Yvonne Kozlowski, Guest	Auburn University
Dr. Harold McGee	Jacksonville State University
Dr. Carol Darom, Alternate	Auburn University
Dr. Don Crump, Chair	University of Alabama System
Dr. Alfred Smith, Alternate	Alabama State University
Dr. John Morrow	University of South Alabama
Dr. Julius Brown, Alternate	Wallace Community College/Selma
Dr. Larry Allen, Alternate	University of South Alabama
Dr. Joe Morris, Alternate	Jefferson State Community College
Dr. Yvonne Kennedy	Bishop State Community College
Dr. Linda Johnson, Guest	Southern Union State Community College
Dr. Susan Salatto, Guest	Southern Union State Community College
Dr. Gary Branch, Vice Chair	Faulkner State Community College
Dr. Haskin Pounds, Consultant	University System of Georgia
Dr. Joan Elifson, Consultant	University System of Georgia

Dr. Crump then introduced the consultants for the presentation and discussion of the University System of Georgia's Core Curriculum and Transfer Policies. An agenda packet of information was distributed for each member. The presentation included:

1. Basic Core Curriculum - Dr. Joan Elifson
 1. Requirements
 2. Transfer Credit
2. Why a Core Curriculum - Dr. Haskins Pounds
 1. History/Obstacles in Creation
 2. Development/Core Curriculum Handbook
 3. Legislative Concerns
3. Assurances to Students - Dr. Joan Elifson
 1. Complete Core Curriculum
 2. Limitation on Credit Transfer
 3. Proficiency Examinations Credit

4. Foreign Languages
5. Laboratory Requirements
6. Transfer and Non-transfer Core "D" Grades
4. Quality Control - Dr. Joan Elifson
 1. Accreditation
 2. Regent's Test
 3. Assessment Process
 4. Developmental Studies
 5. Transfer Credit Committee
 6. Discipline Committee
 7. Academic Discipline Guidelines
5. Problems Developing Articulation Agreement Dr. Haskin Pounds
 1. Common Agreement among Institutions and Governing Board
 2. Mandate from Legislature
 3. Development of Agreement
 4. Diversity in Current Practices

For information, Dr. Crump distributed to Committee members a quarter/semester calendar of the two-year and four-year institutions in the state. After a lunch break, Mr. Bill Conway gave a live demonstration of how the STARS Project works.

Dr. Crump opened the floor for additional questions and answers for the consultants. Committee members had questions relative to titles-core vs. general education studies, curriculum committee requirements, quarter hour requirements, amendment of study areas, "D" grade transfers, maintenance of elective hours, accrediting agency study level requirements, funding formula rewards for core designations, and appeals process.

Dr. Crump suggested that the next step of the Committee would be to come to an agreement about distribution requirements at the December meeting. After distribution requirements are agreed upon, the Committee will present its findings to the Academic Deans, Chief Academic Officers and the Council of Presidents. A consultant from the Florida System will be making a presentation to the Committee at the October meeting. Dr. Crump stated that he would like to hear from someone from a campus setting in Florida. Dr. Crump thanked the consultants for their presentation and the Committee took a 10 minute recess.

The business session of the meeting was convened by Dr. Crump. Dr. Morrow made a motion for the approval of the minutes of the August meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Dr. Crump then informed the Committee that the Parliamentarian appointed to the AGSC is James Walters of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Dr. Crump requested that Dr. Branch work with him on identifying common elements of general studies from all institutions who had responded to the survey and report back to the Committee at the October meeting. Dr. Crump also asked that comments on the Committee's responsibilities for STARS oversight be sent to him by October 15. Dr. McGee was asked to talk with Dr. Hector about including the AGS Committee's budget in the EBO request.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

Don Crump, Chair