

**ALABAMA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
ARTICULATION AND GENERAL STUDIES COMMITTEE  
PRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE ROOM  
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA  
AUGUST 31, 1995**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Articulation and General Studies Committee (AGSC) was called to order by Dr. Don Crump, chair, at 11:10 A.M. The following members and alternates of the Committee were present:

Dr. Don Crump	University of Alabama
Dr. Evelyn Ellis	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Paul Parks	Auburn University
Dr. Harold J. McGee	Jacksonville State University
Dr. Tom Osborne	University of North Alabama
Dr. John Morrow	University of South Alabama
Dr. Larry Allen	University of South Alabama
Dr. Charles Nash	The University of Alabama System
Dr. Gary Branch	Faulkner State Community College
Dr. Joe Morris	Jefferson State Community College
Dr. Roy Johnson	Southern Union State Community College
Dr. Rod Britt	Southern Union State Community College
Dr. Julius Brown	Wallace State Community College/Selma
Dr. Paul Mohr	Alabama Commission on Higher Education

Others present: Keith Sessions representing Bill Conway, Troy State University; Larry Gerber, ACCUFP; and Mike Cupples representing Bert Slafter, Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education.

Dr. Crump moved for the approval of the minutes from the July 21, 1995, meeting held at Faulkner State Community College, Gulf Shores. Dr. Roy Johnson moved to accept the minutes with the following corrections: 1) Add Under Others Present that Richard Vinson was also representing ACCUFP; and 2) on Page 3 of the minutes, add a statement that Dr. Paul Parks and Evelyn Ellis will meet with deans of colleges of agriculture. Dr. Rod Britt seconded.

Dr. Crump began the meeting by summarizing materials related to the next two meetings that are scheduled with the deans of colleges/schools of business and deans of colleges/schools of engineering. He distributed copies of a draft curriculum which will be mailed to both groups and

explained the process he was using. He stated there was a schedule conflict with regards to the October 6 meeting at 1:00 P.M. with the deans of colleges/schools of allied health. They will be unable to meet at this time and he suggested that this group have a subcommittee meeting with members of the articulation committee. He asked that Dr. John Morrow and Charles Nash schedule the meeting with the Allied Health Deans and present a report of this meeting to the committee.

The Committee adjourned for lunch at 12:10 and reconvened at 1:00 P.M. with representatives of the deans of colleges/schools of nursing. The following representatives were present: Charlie Jones Dickson, University of Alabama at Birmingham; Edie Kitchens, Auburn University; Sharon Farley, Auburn University at Montgomery; Bettye Odom, University of South Alabama; Amanda Baker, University of South Alabama; Fay Raines, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Donna Bedsole, Troy State University; Sarah Barger, University of Alabama; Felecia Wood, University of Alabama; Lavin Rowe, University of North Alabama; Janice Ingle, Southern Union State Community College; and Roberta Watts, Jacksonville State University.

After introductions of committee members and nursing deans attending the meeting, Dr. Crump gave a brief statement on the articulation committee's charge and stated the articulation committee has met on a monthly basis since July of last year.

Dr. Fay Raines began the discussion with an outline of what work has been underway in the nursing community. There are currently two organizations in the nursing community. The Alabama Council of Administrators of Professional Nursing Education Programs and the State of Alabama Association of Colleges of Nursing. A task force composed of two- and four-year representatives was appointed to study and make recommendations about articulation and career mobility. Reviews were done of what is happening around the country. They issued a report in March which included a survey of programs currently in place. The task force will resume work this fall and will report recommendations to the full membership in November.

Listed below are the nursing deans concerns with regards to the general studies curriculum:

1. Humanities and Fine Arts

Nursing students should not be required to take a speech course, especially when it is not required of students in other majors. While competence in oral communication is essential, it is acquired in courses across the professional curriculum

2. Natural Sciences and Mathematics

While math competence is important, it does not need to be at the level of precalculus algebra.

3. History, Social and Behavioral Sciences

Some specific requirements for nursing but not other disciplines are unnecessary.

Dean Raines concluded with the suggestion that there must be flexibility in the number of hours required for each of the five areas of study to accommodate the conversion of quarter hours to semester hours.

Listed below are the nursing deans concerns with regards to the proposed policy:

1. The policy proposal extends beyond our understanding of the work that was charged.
2. There has not been adequate time for review a- id response.

3. The necessity of a time limit as specified in the proposal on awarding credit since the issue is knowledge and competence not time.
4. Reasonable methods of validation to allow maximum opportunities for students with appropriate measures of knowledge and skills as required by our institutions and accrediting agencies.
5. Confusion between requirements for licensure and requirements for degrees.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that another meeting would be held with heads of nursing deans from two- and four-year institutions and they would submit a report of their recommendations in writing by the end of October to the articulation committee. The specific charge to the deans of nursing were:

1. To make recommendations for specific requirements within the credit hour distribution requirements for students planning to major in nursing; and
2. To recommend appropriate Area V courses to constitute pre-professional studies in nursing.

The Articulation and General Studies Committee adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

W. Donald Crump, Chair