

ALABAMA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
Articulation and General Studies Committee
Ward Wade Campus
Faulkner State Community College
Gulf Shores, Alabama
July 21, 1995

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Articulation and General Studies Committee (AGSC) was called to order by Dr. Don Crump at 9:10 A.M. The following Committee members were present:

Dr. Don Crump	University of Alabama
Dr. Joe Morris	Jefferson State Community College
Dr. Larry Allen	University of South Alabama
Dr. Paul Parks	Auburn University
Dr. Carol Daron, Alternate	Auburn University
Dr. Charles Nash, Alternate	University of Alabama
Dr. Evelyn Ellis	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Gary Branch	Faulkner State Community College
Dr. Harold McGee	Jacksonville State University
Dr. Yvonne Kennedy	Bishop State Community College
Dr. Elizabeth C. French	Commission on Higher Education

Others Present: Keith Sessions, Troy State University; Richard Vinson, University of South Alabama representing ACCUFP; Nancy W. Chandler, Faulkner State Community College; Pat Chandler, representative ACETA, University of North Alabama.

Dr. Don Crump welcomed everyone to the meeting. He indicated that Dr. Bill Conway, TSU and Dr. Julius Brown, Wallace-Selma were ill and unable to attend. He will be sending a card on behalf of the Committee. Dr. Gary Branch welcomed everyone to the Wade Ward campus of Faulkner State. Members present and other representatives introduced themselves.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the Minutes of the last meeting. Dr. Larry Allen made a motion that the minutes be approved with the following corrections: (1) add Dr. Bob Halli, ACETA to list of others present; and (2) add Dr. Bill Conway, TSU as member present. Dr. Parks seconded. The Minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved.

Dr. Crump began by giving a brief overview of items to be accomplished at the meeting: (1) committee should come to a consensus and better understanding of Area V; (2) review of Undergraduate Degree-granting Colleges and Schools in Alabama Four-year Institutions to get an idea of diversity in the state's four-year schools (Attached); and (3) develop a calendar and schedule of meetings for the months of August, September, and October (Attached) with a goal of securing comments and input of Deans in preparation of a November meeting to share results with the Chief Academic Officers.

Dr. Crump distributed the May 30, 1995 Revised draft of the General Studies Curriculum working document accepted by the Committee at its last meeting.

After a lengthy discussion, the Committee came to the consensus that:

- 1) Counseling should be provided initially to students. STARS will help facilitate this counseling;
- 2) The Committee will have to address meeting the special degree requirements of some fields that may involve transfer before the full 96 quarter hour package is complete;
- 3) After Area V has been completed, those institutions who are not currently offering some programs may be able to do so;

- 4) Specific recommendations will not be made by the Committee, but by Disciplinary Committees that will have representation from the two-year and four-year sector;
- 5) Meetings will be held with the following Deans:

Deans of Engineering
Deans of Nursing
Deans of Business
Deans of Health Related Professions
Deans of Education
Deans of Environmental Sciences
Deans of Arts & Sciences

- a) The outcome of meetings with the Deans will provide a greater consensus among institutions on equivalency in terms of requirements for courses that would be offered and transferrable;
 - b) The outcome of meetings with the Deans will be presented and distributed to Chief Academic Officers for comments and recommendations;
 - c) The outcome of meeting with the Chief Academic Officers will be to identify the specific courses in the freshman and sophomore years for entry into the various professional schools with a goal of having a general agreement of offerings within the four-year institutions;
- 6) Dr. Crump distributed a draft of a letter to be sent to the Chief Academic Officers inviting them to meet with the Committee (Attached). The Committee reviewed and approved the letter with corrections. Dr. Crump will also invite State Department of Education representatives. The meeting schedule will be as follows:

August 31:	Deans of Engineering - Montgomery - Department of Postsecondary Ed Deans of Nursing
September 14:	Deans of Business Deans of Health Related Professions
September 28:	Deans of Education Deans of Human Environmental Sciences
October 12:	Deans of Arts & Sciences
October 26:	Committee Meeting

Site of meetings will be either Birmingham or Montgomery. In discipline areas where only one or two institutions have administrative units, e.g. agriculture, architecture, etc., these institutions will meet independently of the schedule. Dr. Paul Parks and Evelyn Ellis will meet with Deans of Colleges of Agriculture. Deans of Social Work will meet at the University of Alabama with Dr. Crump or Dr. Nash. Deans of Architecture, Forestry, and Pharmacy will meet with Dr. Parks and Dr. Daron. CAOs will be given an opportunity to respond to the outcome of these meetings. The Committee will convene after all the various Deans have met and review the results on October 26.

Dr. Crump will provide the Committee with a completed schedule which includes the sites of each meeting. Dr. Branch distributed a draft mission statement for the Committee. Members were asked to review it and comments will be discussed at the October 26 meeting.

Dr. Crump thanked all members for their participation and thanked Dr. Branch for being such a gracious host. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

Don Crump, Chair