

**ALABAMA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
ARTICULATION AND GENERAL STUDIES COMMITTEE**

**Arboretum Building  
Troy State University  
Troy, Alabama  
June 29, 1995**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

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

Dr. Don Crump	University of Alabama
Dr. Julius Brown	Wallace Community College-Selma
Dr. Joe Morris	Jefferson State Community College
Dr. Roy Johnson	Southern Union State Community College
Dr. Rod Britt	Southern Union State Community College
Dr. Tom Osborne	University of North Alabama
Dr. Larry Allen	University of South Alabama
Dr. Paul Parks	Auburn University
Dr. Carol Daron	Auburn University
Dr. Charles Nash	The University of Alabama System
Dr. Bill Conway	Troy State University
Dr. Paul Mohr	Alabama Commission on Higher Education
Dr. Evelyn Ellis	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Livingston Alexander	Troy State University-Montgomery
Dr. Gary Branch	Faulkner State Community College

Others present: Dr. Larry Gerber, ACCUFF; Dr. Stanley Scott, A&M University; Nancy Chandler, Laura Burks, Faulkner State Community College; Keith Sessions, Joey Holley, STARS Program (Troy State University); James Wolfe, University of South Alabama; Dotty Cavender, Auburn University; and Jerome Bibbins, Darrell Pearson, Pat Rossi, Charlotte Davis, Fred B. Davis, Jerry Hattaway, Brenda Riley, Dr. Don Jeffrey, Dr. Edith Smith, Troy State University; Bob Halli, ACETA.

Dr. Douglas Patterson welcomed everyone to Troy State University and especially to the Arboretum Building for the meeting. Dr. Patterson made reference to the STARS program and recognized Dr. Bill Conway, TSU, for his outstanding work on the project.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of minutes from the May 26, 1995 meeting. Dr. Parks made a correction on the second page to the effect that Dr. Carol Daron, and not he, had met with the Auburn deans to discuss the issues of the working draft and its ramifications. Dr. Crump stated that the Committee had made some modifications in the draft plan in the May 26 meeting. He noted that the four year chief academic officers had been sent a copy of the changes that had been made. With corrections noted by the Committee, Dr. Roy Johnson moved that the minutes be approved; Dr. Gary Branch seconded the motion.

Dr. Crump then informed the Committee that he had met with the ACHE Chief Academic Officers (CAOs) at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and stated that it was a productive discussion concerning the revisions made to the draft. The CAOs expressed concern that the emphasis on laboratory experience in science (3 semester hours or a total of 3 hours a week) is not enough time to do justice to the lab requirement. The CAOs wanted to add to the semester hours so that the science

courses would be four semester hours. In reference to the timeline that the Committee had revised, the CAOs wanted assurance that the timeline included the phrase, "and make revisions," by the October 31 date.

After Dr. Crump's report, Dr. Larry Allen, USA, presented the Committee with a revised working draft that would take into consideration the difference in course credit hours at the USA campus versus other institutions within the state. Dr. Allen stated that the flexibility would be for the students benefit. After discussion among Committee members on this issue, Dr. Crump proposed that the Committee agree that the wording would be flexible for the benefit of the transferring student. There was no objection to maintaining the wording of the working draft of May 26, 1995. Dr. Julius Brown requested that the USA draft paper also be kept in the revised minutes.

Several areas of concern were broached by both Committee members and individuals in the audience such as, the lack of a physical education-wellness course in the general curriculum, the computer literacy component, and the movement of oral communication from Area I into Area II. Lengthy discussions followed allowing for the pros and cons of each topic. Dr. Osborne moved to make an amendment to the working document that would place oral communication and written language back into Area I at 5 quarter hours/ 3 semester hours and reduce Humanities and Fine Arts by an equal amount. Dr. Ellis seconded the motion. Dr. Roy Johnson moved to table the motion and have the Committee polled on whether the Committee should go forward with the May 26 working draft. Members of the Committee were polled and voted 6 yes, 2 no to table Dr. Osborne's motion. Dr. Crump abstained. Dr. Gary Branch moved that the May 26 working draft stand as written. Dr. Larry Allen seconded the motion. The Committee voted to adopt the May 26 draft as the working document that would be used in meetings with deans over the next four months to determine what type of courses should be included in Area V by a vote of 7 yes to 1 no, with Dr. Crump abstaining.

Dr. Crump then introduced Dr. Haskin Pounds from Georgia who summarized what he had previously told the Committee about how the state of Georgia reached agreement on credits for transfer students among institutions within the state. Dr. Pounds emphasized that there needed to be strong agreement from the presidents of the institutions to the professors for the articulation process to work and be successful. Dr. Crump then invited questions from the Committee and the audience to Dr. Pounds.

Because of time constraints, Dr. Crump suggested that the remaining items on the agenda be postponed until the next meeting with the exception of the election of a new chairman for the 1995-1996 year. Dr. Johnson then remarked that he understood that the chairmanship was supposed to rotate between the two-year and four-year colleges. However, Dr. Johnson made the motion that he would appreciate it if Dr. Crump would continue to chair the Committee until the work on Area V was completed. Dr. Parks seconded the motion. Dr. Crump agreed to continue as chairman of the Articulation and General Studies Committee until the work on Area V is completed.

As the meeting concluded, Dr. Crump thanked everyone for their continued interest in the working draft document and for the hospitality extended by Troy State University to the Committee and guests. Dr. Crump announced that the next meeting would be held July 21 in Gulf Shores, Alabama, hosted by Dr. Gary Branch, at the new Faulkner State Community College campus. Dr. Branch noted that the meeting would begin at 9:00 A.M. and extended an invitation to all Committee members and guests.

The Articulation and General Studies Committee adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

Don Crump, Chair