

ALABAMA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
Articulation and General Studies Committee
James I. Dawson Conference Room
Alabama A&M University
Normal, Alabama
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Minutes of Meeting

The Articulation and General Studies Committee (AGSC) meeting was called to order by Dr. Don Crump at 10:00 A.M. The following Committee members were present:

Dr. Don Crump	University of Alabama
Dr. Joe Morris	Jefferson State Community College
Dr. Carol Daron, Alternate	Auburn University
Dr. Charles Nash, Alternate	University of Alabama
Dr. Harold McGee	Jacksonville State University
Dr. John Morrow	University of South Alabama
Dr. Rod Britt	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Tom Osborne	University of North Alabama
Dr. Roy Johnson	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Larry Allen	University of South Alabama
Dr. Evelyn Ellis	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Elizabeth C. French	Commission on Higher Education

Others Present: Bert Slafter, Department of Postsecondary Education, Faye Raines, Dean, UAH School of Nursing, Harry Moore, Association of College English Teachers of Alabama, Regina Colston, Alabama A&M University (ACCUFF), Greg Holiday, Athens State College, Larry Gerber, ACCUFF.

Dr. Don Crump welcomed everyone to the meeting. Dr. James Hicks welcomed the Committee to the A&M campus. Committee members and guests present introduced themselves.

Dr. Crump opened the meeting by giving a brief review of agenda items which included feedback from each Deans group that responded to the Articulation Committee's request for recommendations to the proposed general studies curriculum. Dr. Crump stated that the overall specific concerns were in computer literacy, speech, history sequence, math requirement, and a laboratory requirement in science. Committee members were given an opportunity to ask questions and respond. There was a brief discussion regarding the Disciplinary Committees role.

The Committee also discussed its responsibility to student complaints, transfer students, quality control, performance of students, and student assessment.

The responses from the following Deans' meetings were summarized and discussed by the Committee:

Deans of Nursing. Concur with the Committee with the exceptions of: 1) conversion from quarter to semester hour system; 2) deleting speech in Area II; 3) Area III- inorganic chemistry requirement; and 4) Area IV - 1 history course, 1 psychology course, and 2 electives. Faye Raines, Dean, UAH School of Nursing presented a position letter on behalf of the Alabama Council of Administrators of Professional Nursing Education Programs (ACAPNEP) (letter attached). Specific course recommendations are included on the letter attachment. Dr. Roy Johnson expressed concern as to whether two-year institutions were represented among the ACAPNEP. Ms. Raines assured him that they were. Ms. Raines will mail to Dr. Johnson a copy of minutes of meetings of the group and a membership list. Dr. Harold McGee stated that the letter be dated for today's date since Committee members were just receiving it.

Deans of Business. Concerns regarding speech requirement. No problem with other areas. Requirements recommended by Deans in Area V exceed 96 hour requirement. Committee tabled further discussion on speech requirement.

Deans of Engineering. Concerns regarding ABET requirements with depth in at least, one area. Deans objected to amount of credit hours required. Deans recommended reducing total credit hours required in Area II and Area V.

Committee members commented on what courses should be placed in Area V. Dr. Crump stated that the Committee will ultimately have to decide on one of three things: 1) that all schools in the state be on the same credit hour system; 2) that there be a layout of distribution requirements; and/or 3) that the STARS system be used to broadcast courses by institution, title, and requirement.

Deans of Education. No concerns.

Deans of Human Sciences/Home Economics. Dr. Crump distributed a letter from the Deans (attached) which outlined their position on Area V. Dr. Crump will provide clarification to the Deans on what the general studies package involves.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:30 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 1:15 P.M. The Committee continued discussion on the following Deans meetings:

Deans of Arts & Sciences. Concerns regarding speech course being a suggested course not a requirement. Expressed a need for "performance" courses. Dr. Crump will clarify in working draft reference made to "performance courses".

Deans of Allied Health Professions. No concerns with Areas I and II. Additional language needed in Area III.

Deans of Social Work. Concerns that Area V should include a course in Government and Statistics.

Dr. Carol Daron, AU, reported on the following Deans meetings:

Deans of Architecture. Areas I through IV no concerns. Problems in Area V.

Deans of Forestry. No concerns

Deans of Agriculture. Areas I through IV no concerns. Problems in Area V.

Dr. Crump requested that Dr. Daron submit in writing to him the specific requirements in Area V for each group.

Dr. Joe Morris submitted a clarification statement of the mathematics requirements of the proposed general studies curriculum (copy attached). After some discussion, the statement was accepted as the position of the Committee regarding math requirements.

The next meeting of the Committee has been scheduled for December 8, 1995 at 10:00 A.M. at the Department of Postsecondary Education in Montgomery. Prior to the December meeting, Dr. Crump will mail a packet with all information pulled together on Areas I through IV. The agenda of the December meeting will include:

- Adoption of Areas I through IV of the General Studies Curriculum
- Discussion of Area V of General Studies Curriculum
- Election of Officers for 1996
- Process for Forming Discipline Committees
- Policies on Transfer Credit

The Committee also decided to invite the articulation coordinator at Jefferson State Community College and Doug Patterson and Keith Sessions from TSU-STARS to the December meeting.

Dr. Roy Johnson suggested that the Committee provide recommendations to the Governor to be included in the Education Reform package. After discussion among Committee members, it was decided that the Committee will invite Warren Williamson, Assistant Finance Director, Governor's Office, to the December meeting to brief him on the Committee's work. Dr. Crump will send Mr. Williamson information regarding the Articulation Committee's charge.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Don Crump, Chair