

ALABAMA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
Articulation and General Studies Committee
President's Conference Room
Department of Postsecondary Education
Montgomery, Alabama
September 27, 1995

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

The Articulation and General Studies Committee (AGSC) meeting with Deans of Education was called to order by Dr. Don Crump at 9:35 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. Harold McGee	Jacksonville State University
Dr. Yvonne Kennedy	Bishop State Community College
Dr. Tom Osborne	University of North Alabama
Dr. John Morrow	University of South Alabama
Dr. Roy Johnson	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Rod Britt	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Paul Mohr	Commission on Higher Education

Others Present: Deborah B. Lee, TSU-PC, Eddie Johnson, SDE, Mary Piersma, UAH. Deans: Robert Hymer, JSU, Jim Sutton, TSUM, Jonita Haynes, Athens, Phillip Redrick, A&M, Richard Podemski, USA, Betty Anderson, TSUD, George Uhlig, USA, Virginia Hayes, AU, Bill Deaton, AUM, Terry Roberson, UM, Bill Gooden, SDE, James Kimbrough, TSU, Dan Vertrees, ASU, Ann Jones, UWA, Angel Gray, UAB and Bert Slafter, ADPE.

Dr. Fred Gainous welcomed everyone to the meeting. Committee members, Deans of Education, and guests present introduced themselves.

Dr. Crump gave a brief overview of the Articulation Committee's responsibilities under the legislation. He also gave an update of what the Committee has accomplished since it began its work in July, 1994. Dr. Crump then opened the floor for discussion.

Dr. Richard Kunkel, President of the Alabama Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, presented a statement on the ALACTE's view of the Articulation Committee's Proposed General Studies Curriculum Working Draft-9/26/95. (copy of statement is attached) He stated that though ALACTE is concerned that health and physical development are not a required part of the core, and while there is no mention of the development of technological abilities or speaking skills, the ALACTE finds the Working draft compatible with teacher education programs. ALCATE recommends that (1) an information network be devised so that two-year college students will have access to appropriate transfer information which is based on the student's intended major or degree, and (2) that students be counseled to use that information in order to make a smooth transition into professional teacher preparation programs.

Dr. Crump distributed a copy of the 9/26/95 Working Draft of the General Studies Curriculum to everyone present. He stated that the Committee has attempted to take 64 semester hours which make up the first 2 years of the general studies in Areas I through IV. The remaining hours would be used in Area V for specific requirements based upon the student's major. Dr. Deaton, AU recommended that in Area V under **Restricted Electives that the sentence "e.g., French major would be expected to take courses in French, Mathematics major would be expected to take Mathematics courses" be deleted. After lengthy discussion regarding oral communication, speech, and math, Dr. Crump requested that other recommendations be submitted to the Committee on or before November 1, 1995.

Dr. Crump thanked everyone present and gave a tentative date of mid November as to when the Committee will be sending out further communication to Deans, Academic Vice Presidents, and Dr. Eddie Johnson, SDE.

The Committee adjourned for lunch at 12:10.

The Committee reconvened at 1:00 P.M. with the Deans of Human Sciences, Environmental Sciences, and Directors of Home Economics. Those present were: Bernice Anderson, A&M; Dotty Covander, AU, June Henton, AU, Virginia Yocum, JSU, Judy Bonner, UA, Milla Boschung, UA.

Dr. Crump began the meeting with introductions from Committee members and everyone present. He gave a brief overview of the Articulation Committee's responsibilities under the legislation and an update of what the Committee has done thus far. The 5/30/95 Working Draft of the General Studies Curriculum was distributed to the Deans. Dr. Crump opened the floor for discussion.

June Henton, Auburn University stated that the Deans concur with Areas I, II and III. The Deans were concerned about transfer opportunities for students majoring in programs such as Dietetics and Technical Science getting prerequisite courses. Dr. McGee reminded the Deans that Areas II and V will give flexibility to spell out specific requirements for majors.

After a lengthy discussion of Math and Statistic requirements, the Deans were in general agreement with Areas I, II, and III. The Deans recommended that Area IV should include human development in the sentence reading "Disciplines include, but are not limited to, anthropology, economics, geography, political science, psychology, and sociology". Dr. Crump asked the Deans to provide the Committee with recommendations in Areas III and IV that identify those majors in which a specific course might be specified on or before November 1.

Dr. Crump gave a brief overview of the STARS project. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

Committee Members meet briefly and made the following decisions:

- Based on a request from Dr. Henry Hector, ACHE, to transfer the \$14,500 of Articulation funds from the ACHE budget, it was decided that Mr. Bill Harper, TSUM, will serve as Treasurer of these funds. Dr. Crump will develop a Memorandum of Agreement and provide a general budget to Mr. Harper.
- Revisions will be made to the STARS Memorandum of Agreement which will accurately reflect the STARS relationship to the Articulation Committee.
- Minutes of all meetings held with Deans will be mailed as a packet to Committee members prior to the November 9th meeting.
- The next Committee meeting is scheduled for November 9, 1995 at 10:00 A.M. in Huntsville, Alabama A&M University.
- At least seven Committee members will attend the discussion meeting with Deans of Social Work and Health Professions to be held October 12, 1995 at 10:00 A.M. in Birmingham, University of Alabama at Birmingham.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 P.M.