

ALABAMA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
Articulation and General Studies Committee
Department of Postsecondary Education
President's Conference Room
Montgomery, Alabama
December 6, 1996

Minutes of Meeting

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

Dr. Joe Morris, Chair	Jefferson State Community College
Dr. Paul Parks, Vice Chair	Auburn University
Dr. Carol Daron, Alternate	Auburn University
Dr. Don Crump	University of Alabama
Dr. Charles Nash, Alternate	University of Alabama System
Dr. Harold McGee	Jacksonville State University
Dr. Tom Osborne	University of North Alabama
Dr. Evelyn Ellis	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Alfred Smith	Alabama State University
Dr. Roy Johnson	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Rod Britt, Alternate	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Gary Branch, Alternate	Faulkner State Community College
Dr. Susan Salatto, Alternate	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Elizabeth French	Commission on Higher Education
Mr. Keith Sessions, Alternate	STARS

Others Present: Bert Slafter-ADPE, Joey Holley-STARs, Yvonne Kozlowski-AU- ACCUFP, Maryanne Ivey-UAB, Scott Brande-UAB, Mike Neilson-UAB, Betty Canan-UAB, Tennant McWilliams-UAB, Theodore Benditt-UAB.

Dr. Bert Slafter welcomed everyone to the Department of Postsecondary Education. Dr. Parks and members of the Committee welcomed Dr. Joe Morris back.

The minutes of the meeting of November 4, 1996 were approved.

Dr. Parks opened the meeting by asking for dates for the 1997 meeting schedule of the Committee. The following is a tentative schedule of the 1997 meetings:

January 9, 1997	Department of Postsecondary Education
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February 7, 1997	Jefferson State Community College
March 6, 1997	University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa
April 16, 1997	Montgomery or Birmingham
May 9, 1997	Faulkner-Gulf Shores campus
June 12, 1997	Montgomery or Birmingham
July 11, 1997	Montgomery or Birmingham
September 12, 1997	Montgomery or Birmingham
October 9, 1997	Montgomery or Birmingham
December 4, 1997	Montgomery or Birmingham

The next item on the agenda was the procedures for receiving course proposals. Keith Sessions, STARS office, requested that a limit on the number of pages of the syllabi being submitted be considered. After some discussion, the Committee decided that syllabi should not exceed 10 pages. Dr. Osborne cautioned that the definition of syllabus be clearly defined. The Committee agreed that the two-year system course proposals will be submitted as a package to Dr. Gainous. The Chief Academic Officer for each four-year institution will submit individual course proposals.

Committee members made changes to a letter drafted by Dr. Parks that will be sent to the Chief Academic Officers and the two-year system. Dr. Parks will make appropriate corrections as discussed. A sub-committee will meet to develop the letter of explanation of the procedures for submitting course proposals which will be distributed at the January 9th meeting to the CAOs and the Deans along with copies of the guidelines and criteria for the 19 disciplines.

The Committee decided to invite the Chief Academic Officers and Deans of Instruction to the January 9, 1997 meeting to inform them on the process for course proposal submissions. The Committee will meet with the Chief Academic Officers and Deans from 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 and the afternoon session will be a business meeting of the Committee.

Dr. Nash voiced his concern that the General Studies Curriculum that has been mailed out to Chief Academic Officers and others is titled a "working draft". He stated that the Committee needed to adopt the General Studies Curriculum. After some discussion and review of the December 1995 minutes, it was decided that no further action was necessary. Dr. Don Crump distributed an up-to-date version of the Approved General Studies Curriculum (copy attached).

The Committee noted that the guidelines and criteria for Written Composition and Speech should both read, "should be" and "to the extent possible". A motion was made by Dr. Osborne and second by Ms. Salatto to delete Lifespan Development and Human Growth development. All members present voted in the affirmative with one negative vote. While the Committee did not approve Lifespan Development and Human Growth in Area IV, there is no objection for these courses to be taken in Area V of the general studies curriculum.

The Political Science Discipline Committee recommends that American Government and State and Local Government meet the definition of global described in the criteria and guidelines. They request to reserve their recommendations on International Relations until syllabi are submitted to them. Dr.

Osborne agreed to talk with the Political Science and History Discipline Committees regarding these issues. Dr. Osborne will report back to the Articulation Committee.

Dr. Betty Canan, a representative from the Allied Health Pre-professional Committee, reported on recommendations/revisions made to the general studies curriculum in Areas I-V. Since Committee members did not have a copy of the updated version, Dr. Parks stated that he would send copies to Committee members. Action was tabled until Committee members had a chance to review updates.

Dr. Osborne presented a synopsis of unresolved questions, considerations, and recommendations that have been raised to the Articulation Committee since its work began (copy attached). After some discussion regarding transfer students, native students, and an institution's prerogative to maintain flexibility and autonomy, the Committee decided to table the discussion of these issues until a later date.

The STARS report was distributed in written form (copy attached).

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 P.M.

Paul Parks, Vice Chair