

ALABAMA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
Articulation and General Studies Committee
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Minutes of Meeting

The Articulation and General Studies Committee (AGSC) meeting was called to order by Dr. Joe Morris at 10:15 A.M. The following Committee members were present:

Dr. Joe Morris	Jefferson State Community College
Dr. Don Crump	University of Alabama
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, Alternate	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Tom Osborne	University of North Alabama
Dr. Larry Allen, Alternate	University of South Alabama
Dr. Arthur J. Bond, Alternate	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Gary Branch, Alternate	Faulkner State Junior College
Dr. Alfred Smith, Alternate	Alabama State University
Ms. Ellen Haulman	Commission on Higher Education
Dr. Robert Pullen	Troy State University/STARS
Mr. Keith Sessions	Troy State University/STARS

Others Present: Bert Slafter, Department of Postsecondary Education, Yvonne Kozlowski, (ACCUFP), Fay Farris, Faulkner State, Carol Hairston, Faulkner State, Pat Chandler, ACETA, and Patricia Putnam.

Dr. Morris welcomed everyone to the Jefferson State campus. All members present and guests introduced themselves. Dr. Crump gave a status report on the following:

1. General Studies Curriculum approved by the Committee and presented to the Chief Academic Officers;
2. General Studies Curriculum for Engineering, with exceptions, approved by the Committee; and
3. Summary of Specific Course Requirements Among Professional Schools in General Studies Curriculum Approved Draft

Dr. Crump stated that Area V specific requirements have been submitted from the Deans of Education, Business, Allied Health, Nursing, and Social Work. The deans in Home Economics continue to have issues they need to resolve. The Engineering Deans will submit requirements by the end of March.

Dr. Arthur Bond voiced concerns regarding the intent and purpose of the charge given to the Articulation Committee as it relates to the development of Area V for the School of Engineering. Committee members clarified the law as it relates to the Articulation Committee's purpose and charge. Dr. Don Crump suggested, and the Committee agreed, that Dr. Bond would bring back recommendations to the Committee from the Engineering Deans with specific requirements in Area V based on a 60 semester hours and 90 quarter hours in the General Studies.

Recommendations on Discipline Committees: Dr. Joe Morris recommended using the Georgia model as a basis for discussion. He stated that Georgia has discipline committees as well as advisory committees. A Statement by the Chancellor of the University System of Georgia was distributed (copy attached). Dr. McGee stated that academic committees would be those nominated by the Chief Academic Officer from the institutions. Dr. Morris distributed a list of academic committees used by Georgia (copy attached) along with a list of Transfer Areas in Associate in Arts/Associate in Science degrees (copy attached). Discipline committees will be a mixture of professional and institutional representatives. Members would be nominated by deans through the Chief Academic Officers. The Committee decided to begin the formation of the discipline committees by using the Georgia model as a guide.

Dr. Yvonne Kozlowski, of the Alabama Council of College and University Faculty Presidents (ACCUFP), presented a summary of a Resolution adopted by ACCUFP on recommendations for the establishment of discipline committees. The Resolution recommends that tenured faculty in academic departments comprise discipline committees, that representation should be balanced between the two year and four year schools, and that expenses be reimbursed.

After lengthy discussion regarding the Resolution, the Committee agreed that members of the discipline committees should include tenured faculty. Dr. Morris thanked Dr. Kozlowski for the recommendations from ACCUFP.

The Committee continued to meet during lunch. Dr. Judy Merritt welcomed the Articulation Committee to the campus of Jefferson State Community College.

STARS Report: Mr. Keith Sessions gave an update on institutions currently on-line with STARS and an update on the STARS usage (copies attached). Dr. Robert Pullen introduced himself to the Committee as the new representative for STARS. He gave a report on the goals of the STARS program along with proposals for upgrading and maintaining the system (copy attached).

Dr. Morris distributed calendars. The following is a schedule of upcoming meetings of the Committee:

March 6	Tuscaloosa-UA 12:00 noon 1:00 P.M. Teleconference
April 5	Mobile-USA 10:00 A.M.
May 10	Selma-Wallace Community College 10:00 A.M.
June 14	Bay Minette-Faulkner 10:00 A.M.

Members were asked to block off July through December dates and send to Joe Morris for scheduling the reminder of the meetings.

Dr. Tom Osborne, Rod Britt, Joe Morris, Roy Johnson, Paul Parks, and Don Crump will develop a working draft regarding the structure and guidelines of discipline committees to be presented to the Committee at the next meeting.

Committee members unanimously voted Dr. Paul Parks as Vice-Chair of the Articulation Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Joe Morris, Chair