

ALABAMA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
Articulation and General Studies Committee
Wilson Room/Bryant Conference Center
University of Alabama
Tuscaloosa, Alabama
March 6, 1996

Minutes of Meeting

The Articulation and General Studies Committee (AGSC) meeting was called to order by Dr. Joe Morris at 10:30 A.M. The following Committee members were present:

Dr. Joe Morris, Chair	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. Tom Osborne	University of North Alabama
Dr. Evelyn Ellis	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Gary Branch, Alternate	Faulkner State Junior College
Dr. Roy Johnson	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Paul Mohr	Commission on Higher Education

Others Present: Yvonne Kozlowski, ACCUFP-Auburn, Fay Farris-Faulkner State, Greg Holliday, ACCUFP-Athens State, Robert Halli, Jr.-Association of College English, Thomas F. McCormack-Marion Military Institute, and David Watts-Jacksonville State University.

Dr. Crump welcomed everyone to the University of Alabama campus and gave general information regarding the teleconference scheduled for 1:00 P.M.

Dr. Morris informed the Committee that there was one correction to the Minutes of the Last meeting. The minutes were approved with one correction in the heading.

Dr. Crump presented the findings of the sub-Committee which developed recommendations on the structure and guidelines for discipline committees. The approved working draft of the general studies curriculum (12/6/95) was distributed to members present for reference (copy attached). Dr. Crump also distributed a draft of the Area disciplines (Areas I -IV including Pre-Professional) of the Proposed Discipline Committees (copy attached). He explained that the proposed list is based on looking at all four-year institutions, the majors offered, and, compiling the information gathered in an attempt to have a number of committees that would allow participation by all the institutions in one form or another. The Committee discussed each area listed on the draft. After some discussion, the following concerns were raised:

Area I: Concern that English Composition should not be separate from Literature. Committee will address at a later date.

Area II: Concern regarding the size of the committees. Some members suggested that membership should be flexible to the extent of floating members. Committee made no decision as to which Area to place Area/Ethnic Studies.

Area III: Members concurred to add Physical Science to Physics and Astronomy

Area IV: Members concurred to add Geography to Anthropology and Sociology.

There are 28 discipline committees being proposed in Areas I-IV with a Pre-Professional committee being the oversight group which will make recommendations to the Articulation Committee if needed. The "Others" Area included Pharmacy, Architecture, Agriculture and Forestry. Since only two institutions (Auburn and Alabama A&M) offer these courses, the Committee agreed that discipline committees are not necessary. The two institutions will collaborate within their departments.

After some discussion regarding the circulation of a survey for reactions to the proposed Discipline Committees, Dr. McGee made a motion that a survey be circulated to CAOs, Presidents, and Deans to give them an opportunity to respond to the proposed discipline committees. Dr. Branch seconded. Members unanimously approved.

Dr. Tom Osborne reported on the charge of responsibilities to the Discipline Committees. A draft of recommendations was distributed (copy attached). After discussion and the revision of item number two to read, "development of objectives or expected outcomes and content to be included for such general studies courses" and item number six to read, "recommendations" instead of "decisions", Dr. Johnson moved for the adoption of the working draft of the Tasks Assigned to the Academic Discipline Committees. Seconded by Dr. Crump. Members unanimously approved.

Dr. Joe Morris reported on the Composition, Terms and Method of Appointment of the Discipline Committee. A draft was distributed for the Committee's review (copy attached). After lengthy discussion, Dr. Crump moved that the Composition, Terms and Method of Appointment of Discipline Committees be adopted by the Committee with revisions. Seconded by Dr. Roy Johnson. Dr. Johnson moved that the draft should include a meeting schedule of the Discipline Committees approved by the Chair of the Articulation Committee. Seconded. Motion passed. Dr. Morris will make revisions and submit another draft to the Committee at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M. for the viewing of the videoconference - "Partnerships Between Two and Four-Year Colleges".

Joe Morris, Chair