

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 10:00 A.M. The following Committee members were present:

Dr. Joe Morris, Chair	Jefferson State Community College
Dr. Julius Brown, Alternate	Wallace Community College-Selma
Dr. Don Crump	University of Alabama
Dr. Charles Nash, Alternate	University of Alabama System
Dr. Paul Parks	Auburn University
Dr. Carol Daron, Alternate	Auburn University
Dr. Harold McGee	Jacksonville State University
Dr. Evelyn Ellis	Alabama A&M University
Dr. John Morrow	University of South Alabama
Dr. Larry Allen, Alternate	University of South Alabama
Dr. Yvonne Kennedy	Bishop State Community College
Dr. Robert Pullen, Ex Officio	Troy State University
Mr. Keith Sessions, Alternate	Troy State University
Dr. Elizabeth C. French, Ex Officio	Commission on Higher Education

Others Present: George Uhlig, USA, Bob Holley-Association of College English Teachers, Bert Slafter-ADPE, Yvonne Kozlowski, ACCUFP-Auburn, and David Weaver-UA.

Dr. Julius Brown welcomed everyone to the Wallace State Community College campus. Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

The Minutes of the April 5, 1996 meeting were approved with a date correction.

Discipline Committee Nominations, Procedures, and Timeline. Dr. Joe Morris reported that a letter had been sent to the Chief Academic Officers soliciting nominations for the Discipline Committees. He has received some responses from the four-year institutions. The two-year institutions have their nominations in and will meet as a group on May 21, 1996 in order to submit a final recommendation list to the AGS Committee. Deadline for submission of nominations is May 27, 1996. Dr. Morris stated that a subcommittee will review the nominations for the Discipline Committees and report to the Committee

by the June 14 meeting. Dr. Parks suggested that a brief resume form be developed to send to nominees. Dr. Morris will look at the submissions and if needed, will send a brief resume form.

Dr. Morris stated that the Committee needed to address the procedure for accommodating the Discipline Committees once appointed. Dr. Yvonne Kozlowski, ACCUFP, reminded the Committee that most faculty do not work in the summer. She requested that the September 30, 1996 deadline for the completion of guidelines for courses approved for general studies designation and transfer credit by the Discipline Committees be rescheduled. The timeline was changed as follows:

Articulation Committee will develop charge, guidelines & formats for Discipline Committees	September 1, 1996
Discipline Committees complete guidelines for courses that may be approved for general studies designation	October 31, 1996
Initiate solicitation of course proposals for review & approval for general studies designation	December 1, 1996
Complete initial review & approval process for courses for general studies designation	March 31, 1997
Initiate course directory of approved courses for general studies, resolve differences, develop appropriate brochures and other publications, and present reports to participating institutions including catalog language, etc.	April 1, 1997

Dr. John Morrow reminded the Committee that once Discipline Committees are formed they are to represent the discipline not their individual institution. Dr. Crump suggested that a "preamble" be included in the charge to the Discipline Committees which states that members represent the discipline. Dr. Crump also recommended a statement which clearly states that the Discipline Committees make recommendations and report those recommendations to the Articulation Committee for consideration.

Pre-Professional Committees. Dr. Don Crump reported the need to establish three additional pre-professional committees: Criminal Justice, Communication and Computer Science. Since no prior meetings were held with these three groups of deans regarding a realistic set of requirements, he suggested that meetings be held with program directors, deans, and chairs of departments to ascertain the first two-year course sequence in each area. Dr. McGee recommended that a sub-Committee meet with the deans groups. Dr. Morris stated that meetings will be scheduled and members of the Committee will be notified. Meetings will be held in Montgomery and/or Birmingham.

Dr. Crump briefly discussed a compilation of "Four-Year Institutions with Baccalaureate Degree Programs in the General Studies Disciplines in Areas I-IV" (copy attached).

Policy on Membership for Discipline and Pre-Professional Committees. Dr. Paul Parks recommended that item number two under Composition be revised to read, "All members will be selected from tenured faculty who are qualified to teach in the particular discipline, as defined by SACS standards and who are actively teaching in the discipline".

Dr. Crump recommended that an item three be added to read, "Where several disciplines are represented on a committee there will be equitable distribution among the membership". Copy of working draft dated April 22, 1996 is attached.

Early Admission & Dual Enrollment Committee. Dr. Joe Morris gave an overview of the practices of the Early Admission & Dual Enrollment Committee established by the Department of Postsecondary Education. Dr. Bert Slafter stated this committee would like to work in a way which compliments the Articulation Committee. He stated that the Chancellor of the Department of Postsecondary Education is requesting that the Articulation Committee identify from the general studies areas eight courses suitable for dual enrollment by June. After some discussion, the Committee decided that until the present charge to the Articulation Committee is complete, no action will be taken at this time by the Committee. Dr. Nash distributed a survey from Dr. David Watts-JSU which includes a copy of the Early Admission and Dual Enrollment practices of Alabama's four year institutions (copy attached).

STARS. Mr. Keith Sessions gave an up to date report on the institutions that are currently on-line with STARS as well as an updated usage report (copies attached). He reported that he can provide a more detailed usage report by institution upon request.

Dr. Pullen gave an updated report on the possibility of INTERNET access through STARS. He stated that he had talked with Dr. Ben Barnes, Alabama Research & Education Network (ARENS), who is more than willing to provide technical assistance in working with STARS. If the ARENS Network is provided with additional funding to connect, STARS will be ready to move to the next phase which would be to use current STARS information and disseminate future Articulation & General Studies information. He provided the Committee with estimated costs to make the transition (copy attached). Dr. Harold McGee stated that the right amount of T1-lines connected would reduce costs drastically. Dr. Pullen stated that the STARS office will have to begin to make changes for changing their method of delivery. The method of delivery now is a phone line (AS400 system) that is dedicated to one computer on each campus. To have universal distribution over the INTERNET creates new hardware and software challenges that need to be addressed now. Dr. Pullen reminded the Committee that the initial budget has dropped a half million to under \$200,000 due to negotiations with ARENS.

Tennessee Higher Education Commission Transfer Study. There was a brief discussion regarding the Tennessee Higher Education Commission's Transfer Study forwarded to the Committee by Dr. Henry Hector/ACHE (copy attached). Dr. Paul Parks reviewed the Tennessee Commission's findings regarding native student transfer. Dr. McGee suggested that the Committee clearly define the characteristics of native students. After some discussion regarding native student transfer, the Committee adjourned at 12:10 A.M.

Joe Morris, Chair