

STATE OF ALABAMA
Articulation and General Studies Committee
Jefferson State Community College
James B. Allen Library, Room 112
Birmingham, Alabama
February 7, 1997

Minutes of Meeting

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. Tom Osborne	University of North Alabama
Dr. Don Hines, Alternate	University of West Alabama
Dr. Evelyn Ellis	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Margaret Kelly, Alternate	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Roy Johnson	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Rod Britt, Alternate	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Gary Branch, Alternate	Faulkner State Community College
Ms. Susan Salatto, Alternate	Southern Union Community College
Dr. John Morrow	University of South Alabama
Dr. Elizabeth French	Commission on Higher Education
Dr. James Kimbrough	STARS
Mr. Keith Sessions, Alternate	STARS

Others present: Bert Slafter-ADPE; Joey Holley-STARS; Maryanne Ivey-UAB; Terry Hickey-UAB- Michael Neilson-UAB; Elise Stephens-A&M; Paul Allen-UA; Jim Yarbrough-UA; Dave Klemmack-UA; Betty Canan-UAB; Pat Covey-USA; Nick Sylvester-USA; Johnny Smith-JSU; K. Spemart-Lawson State; Jack Roser-AU; Jeanne Hutchison-UAB- and Michael Windham-USA.

CALL TO ORDER	Meeting was called to order by Joe Morris, Chair.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Several revisions were proposed for the Minutes of the January 10, 1997 meeting. Approval of the minutes was carried forward to the March meeting.

DECISION ITEMS

Term of Office. After a lengthy discussion on the Term of Office for the Chair which included a review of the legislation, a motion by Crump (UA) and seconded by Morrow (USA) proposed that the current Chair remain in office until June 1997. Each year thereafter, the term of the Chair would begin July 1 and continue to June 30. Motion passed unanimously.

Arts and Sciences Component of Area V. Discussion centered on the absence of a report from the colleges of Arts and Sciences. Morris indicated that the possibility of the discipline committees addressing those specific areas had been raised. Crump noted that in earlier discussions the Committee indicated it would rely on Discipline Committees to resolve these issues but that it was not part of the charge given to the Committees in Opelika. In response to a suggestion that utilization of STARS might be a solution, Sessions responded that STARS was not the ultimate answer since there was no possible way they could come up with every combination of majors and minors in arts and sciences. Parks indicated that his understanding was that part of the charge to the discipline committees was that they were asked not to design Area V but to make recommendations for Area V in their field.

Crump moved that the discipline committees be given the charge to make recommendations regarding general studies, with particular attention to majors in the disciplines of Area V. Motion included the stipulation that representatives from all institutions that offer bachelors degrees in those fields be invited to participate, and that these recommendations be shared in a meeting with the Arts and Sciences Deans. Morrow seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Convening of Pre-Professional Committees. There was a discussion on the need to revisit the work of the Pre-Professional Committees. Britt suggested one general meeting with break-out groups. Crump and Nash agreed. Morris will convene the working group to decide on the logistics and date for the meeting.

Establishment of Honors/interdisciplinary Committee. Morris referenced correspondence from UAB regarding the disposition of interdisciplinary honors-type courses. Neilson (UAB) opened the discussion on the necessity for addressing these programs. Osborne proposed that the model established for Pre-Professional Committees be considered. Johnson recommended that a procedure be established; that institutions be notified of that procedure; and that a four-member sub-committee (2 representatives each from the 2-year and 4-year systems) be established to review and make recommendations back to the AGSC. Johnson's recommendation was taken in the form of a motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Morris requested volunteers for the subcommittee; Britt and Allen accepted. Morris will appoint the remainder.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Status of Pre-Professional Committee Reports. Dr. Morris reviewed the status of the following Pre-Professional Committee Reports. Committee members who did not have the most recent reports would receive updates from Morris.

Speech Pathology	No Report
Communications	
Engineering	
Allied Health (includes Pre Medical)	Revised Report - Oct. 16, 1996
Nursing	Revised Report - Feb. 5, 1997
Social Work	Dec. 5, 1995
Human Environmental Sciences and Home Economics	Nov. 3, 1995
Criminal Justice	
Computer Science	No Report/Letters from individuals only
Forestry, Pharmacy, Architecture	
Business	Dec. 6, 1995
Education	Nov. 26, 1995

Status of Discipline Committee Reports

Report of the History Discipline Committee. Dr. Larry Gerber reinforced the preference of the Committee to go back to a two-course sequence in History as a part of the general studies program since all the courses proposed will be part of the sequence and not stand alone courses.

Report of the Mathematics Discipline Committee. Dr. Paul Allen, UA gave a report on the recommendations of the Mathematics Committee. He provided Dr. Morris with a written copy of the recommendations he presented. Dr. Morris will provide committee members with a copy of the report.

Appointment of Chairs for Pre-Professional Committees. Morris suggested since there were no designated contacts for the Pre-Professional Committees, that it would be helpful if the Committees would appoint chairpersons. It was decided to request that the Committees elect a chairperson.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

March 6	UA
April 16	A&M
May 9	Gulf Shores
June 12	UNA
July 11	TSU
September 12	UAB

Report on STARS. Keith Sessions reported on the institutions currently on-line and current STARS usage. Nash asked if STARS knew if and how institutions were publicizing STARS. Sessions stated that he had recently mailed a survey to counselors of two and four-year institutions for feedback on actual usage by students. He stated that since every institution is not on-line, no intensive marketing had been done; but that a net server has been purchased to prepare for INTERNET access. Dr. Tom

Osborne asked about what would be done with hardware terminals once INTERNET is provided. Sessions stated that terminals will probably be given to the institutions. The goal is to provide counselors and admissions offices with the INTERNET access with support from AIRENS. The STARS office will provide the Committee with a budget proposal at the March meeting which will include projections for setting up the general studies and STARS components on the INTERNET.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES

- Establishment of Arts and Sciences Discipline Committee
- Role of STARS in the implementation of Core Course of Study Articulation
- Establishment of a Pre-Professional fine arts committee
- Incorporation of Human Growth and Development and Life Span Development as options in Psychology
- Transferability of D grades and Credit by Examination - Morris will contact Georgia

INFORMATION ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

1. Roster of Discipline Committee Chairpersons (copy attached).
2. Clarification of the Mathematics Requirement prepared by Dr. Joe Morris (copy attached).
3. Revised General Studies Curriculum for Nursing provided by Dr. John Morrow (copy attached).
4. Revised General Studies Curriculum for Allied Health provided by Dr. Paul Parks (copy attached).
5. STARS Reports: On-Line Report; Usage Report; 1996 End of Year Report (copies attached).

Joe Morris, Chair

Deborah Nettles, Recording Secretary