

STATE OF ALABAMA
Articulation and General Studies Committee
Alabama Center for Commerce / President's Conference Room
Department of Postsecondary Education
Montgomery, Alabama
April 10, 1998
10:00 a.m.

Minutes of Meeting

Committee members present:

Dr. Evelyn A. Ellis, Chair	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Barbara Jones, Alternate	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Roy Johnson, Vice-Chair	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Rod Britt, Alternate	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Joe Morris	Jefferson State Community College
Dr. Paul Parks	Auburn University
Dr. Linda Glaze, Alternate	Auburn University
Dr. James Yarbrough	University of Alabama
Dr. Charles Nash, Alternate	University of Alabama System
Dr. Larry Allen	University of South Alabama
Dr. Suzanne McGill, Alternate	University of South Alabama
Dr. Don Hines	University of West Alabama
Dr. Ed Roach, Alternate	University of West Alabama
Dr. Elizabeth C. French	Commission on Higher Education
Dr. James Kimbrough	STARS
Mr. Keith Sessions	STARS

Others present: Ada Long-UAB; Mike Neilson; Jay Goldman-UAB; Amy Ward-UA; Ginny Bugg-Independent Colleges; Bobby Simmons-Calhoun; Nola Allen-USA; Thomas Vocruue-AUM; Sandra Gorge-TSUM; Linda Johnson-Southern Union; and Susan Salatto-Southern Union.

CALL TO ORDER	<p>Meeting was called to order by Dr. Evelyn A. Ellis, Chair. Verification of quorum was made by voice roll call of members present.</p> <p>Dr. Ellis welcomed everyone present. Guests introduced themselves.</p>
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ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Johnson moved for the adoption of the agenda. Allen seconded. AGSC members unanimously adopted the agenda.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Johnson moved for the approval of the Minutes of March 12, 1998. Hines seconded. Minutes were approved as mailed with one addition.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Calculation of Grades for Honors Programs/Awards. Ellis stated that she has received several inquiries regarding the transfer of credit hours in determining eligibility for admission to honors programs and other graduation award designations.

Area IV: State and Local Government. Dr. Nola Allen stated that the Political Science Discipline Committee feels that this course is often used to present general theories of government, processes of government, and operations of state and local government within the process of American National Government. She stated that many experiences at the state and local government level are applicable to national government. The Political Science Committee's position is that since American National Government is a part of Area IV, it is logical that State and Local Government be included in Area IV.

Ellis distributed a letter of support of the State and Local Government program from Senator Larry Dixon (copy attached).

Roach stated that the CAOs have not received all responses regarding this issue. He stated that a subcommittee of the CAOs recommended that the course is not sufficiently global and comparative in its approach to qualify for inclusion in Area IV. The CAOs will present their final decision at the next AGSC meeting.

Standard Form of Articulation Agreement Contract. Ellis distributed a draft form of the Articulation Agreement Contract that could be used as a standardized form for all institutions (copy attached). After some discussion, it was decided that Sessions will develop a form using information from current guides. Sessions will present this draft contract for review at the next AGSC meeting.

STARS Report. Holley presented the STARS On-line and Usage Reports. The report included the number of guides viewed, guides printed, and contracts printed for the month of March.

DECISION ITEMS

Area V Pre-Professional Courses. Roach distributed a summary table and 22 templates of course recommendations (copies attached). He stated that the course recommendations have been grouped in three categories: Enhanced Discipline Committees, Pre-Professional Committees, and institution specific (AU and USA).

Johnson distributed a summary analysis comparing commonality of the templates submitted by Roach (copy attached). He stated that the AGSC expected the Deans to find more commonality in Area V for programs such as English, Biology, and Physical Science, etc. He stated that the AGSC is not seeking to change institutional requirements but to find the commonality in Area V in order to agree on a

transfer package. Allen stated that the Arts & Sciences Deans were focused on looking for those courses that every institution offers.

Clarifying Statement for Area V. After lengthy discussion two subcommittees met independently to draft a clarifying statement to be used in Area V. Allen, Parks, Roach, Nash, Yarbrough, and McManus formed one committee; Johnson, Britt, and Morris formed the other. Recommendations from the two subcommittees were then presented to the AGSC which created a revised version to be presented to the CAOs for review (copy attached).

Enhanced Discipline Committee Recommendations. Britt moved and Hines seconded the ratification of the following program recommendations (copies attached) from the Enhanced Discipline Committees:

Music

- Art History (BA)
- Art Studio (BFA) (BA)
- Geography: Meteorology Concentration
- Information Science (University of South Alabama)
- Information Technology (University of South Alabama)

AGSC unanimously approved.

Johnson moved and Hines seconded ratification of the following program recommendations (copies attached) from Auburn University:

- Pharmacy
- Architecture
- Landscape Architecture
- Interior Design
- Building Science
- Industrial Design

AGSC unanimously approved. Forestry program recommendation will be tabled until contact is made with Alabama A&M University.

Engineering. Roach stated that the templates are still undergoing revisions. Revised templates will be presented at the AGSC May meeting.

Discipline Committee Recommendations. Sessions distributed a list of courses recommended for approval from the following Discipline Committees: 1) Anthropology, Sociology, and Human Geography, 2) Biology; and 3) Physics, Physical Science and Astronomy. In addition, Sessions requested that the following courses be added to the list of courses submitted by the Anthropology, Sociology, and Human Geography Committee: GEO 101 -World Regional Geography, GEO 220- Principles-of-Human Geography; GEO 1 01 -Principles of Physical Geography 1; and GEO 102- Principles of Physical Geography II. Johnson moved for the approval of courses. Morris seconded. AGSC unanimously approved.

Interdisciplinary/Honors Innovative Course Recommendations. Ada Long stated that the committee recommends for inclusion in Area II GN 260: The Holocaust in Film & Literature-University of Alabama.

Johnson moved for the approval of the course recommendation. Morris seconded. AGSC unanimously approved.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

May 14, 1998	Department of Postsecondary Education Coast Room-7th Floor
June 12, 1998	Department of Postsecondary Education President's Conference Room-2nd Floor

INFORMATION ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

1. Pre-Professional Course Recommendations (Roach)
2. Comparative Analysis of Pre-Professional Recommendations (Johnson)
3. Pre-Professional Course Recommendations-AU (Parks)
4. STARS Reports (Sessions)
5. Letter of Support from Sen Larry Dixon (Ellis)
6. Draft Articulation Agreement Contract (Ellis)
7. Discipline Committee Course Recommendations (Sessions)
8. Clarifying Statement for Area V Courses

The April meeting of the Articulation & General Studies Committee was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Evelyn A. Ellis, Chair

Deborah Nettles, Recording Secretary