

STATE OF ALABAMA
Articulation and General Studies Committee
Faulkner State Community College
Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management Building
Gulf Shores, Alabama
July 16, 1998
10:00 A.M.

Minutes of Meeting

Committee members present:

Dr. Roy Johnson, 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. Alfred Smith, Alternate	Alabama State University
Dr. Evelyn A. Ellis	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Barbara Jones, Alternate	Alabama A&M University
Dr. James Yarbrough	University of Alabama
Dr. Charles Nash, Alternate	University of Alabama System
Dr. Larry Allen	University of South Alabama
Dr. Don Hines	University of West Alabama
Dr. Ed Roach, Alternate	University of West Alabama
Dr. Mike Malone, Alternate	Troy State University Dothan
Dr. Gary Branch, Alternate	Faulkner State Community College
Dr. Yvonne Kennedy	Bishop State Community College
Dr. William O. Blow	Commission on Higher Education
Dr. James Kimbrough	STARS
Mr. Keith Sessions	STARS

Others present: Maryanne Ivey-UAB; Debbie Blackstone-UAB; Susan Salatto-SUCC; Linda Johnson-SUCC; Colleen Britt-SUCC; and Joey Holley-STARS.

CALL TO ORDER	Meeting was called to order by Dr. Roy Johnson, Chair. Verification of quorum was made by voice roll call of members present. Members and guests introduced themselves. Johnson introduced Barbara Turner, Southern Union Opelika Campus as his contact person.
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Kennedy moved for the adoption of the agenda. Morris seconded. AGSC unanimously adopted.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Hines moved for the approval of the Minutes of June 12, 1998. Britt seconded. Minutes were approved as mailed with corrections.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Review Chart of Programs & Area V: Johnson distributed a chart prepared by the Commission staff of Pre-professional programs and Arts & Science programs approved by the AGSC to date. He stated that this chart should be updated and used as a tracking guide as to how far the AGSC has come.

Allen stated that the chart should reflect approval of Geography-Meteorology concentration only under Anthropology, Sociology, & Human Geography. He stated that the chart should list every program approved, not a cluster.

Roach stated that the information on the home page under templates approved accurately reflects the AGSC's progress.

Johnson requested that Sessions provide a printout of what's listed on the home page. He stated that the AGSC does not want to duplicate work that has already been done.

STARS Report. Holley presented the STARS Usage and Online Report (copy attached). He stated that all institutions are on-line.

Common Course Directory. Sessions stated that it would be helpful if the directory could be put in alphabetical order. He stated that he will start to build guides this month by merging the templates and course listings. He requested that the AGSC review the guides as they are built.

Britt stated that the Area III mathematics requirement will need to be reviewed very closely, particularly with Finite Math majors.

Johnson appointed Slafter, Morris, Britt, Roach, and Sessions to work as a subcommittee to review the common course directory and the Area V Pre-Professional programs. Recommendations will be submitted to Roach to submit to the appropriate chairs. Then recommendations will go to Sessions to build specificity in the guides.

Update on STARS Access Plan. Sessions presented an updated report (copy attached) on STARS' progress in implementing the Conversion Plan for Fall 1998. Sessions indicated that some of the questions attached to the Update have been answered with the exception of which courses constitute Fine Arts courses in Area II. He stated that an identifying mark should indicate these courses. Johnson

designated Morris, Yarbrough, and Roach to work with Sessions to specify Fine Arts courses and to answer course designation questions.

Student Advising. Nash stated that students need to be encouraged to make a decision regarding transfer as soon as possible. He stated that advising on the use of electives is very important. Counselors need to be careful not to put in courses to fill up the curriculum for that semester on the basis that the course will count. Students may find out that the course does not count thereby creating a source of grief and trouble for parents and students. Nash stated that the term "selective" courses should be used.

Johnson stated that one of the issues conveyed in discussions with presidents is that Areas I through IV achieve commonality in a discipline specific major. Area V achieves commonality in the Pre-Professional programs. In the Arts & Sciences area, there are 6 to 15 hours that are commonly accepted and then students must know where they are going. Johnson stated that institutions have a responsibility to understand this new system and prepare their campuses.

Johnson stated that the AGSC will also have to prepare STARS to handle any kind of appeals from students and institutions.

There was discussion regarding publicizing the home page. Sessions stated that as soon as students are able to get an actual guide of what's been approved, there will be an increase in usage. He stated that STARS is prepared to run two servers for public access.

Quarter System Accommodations. Britt requested that several courses (copy of course list attached) at Southern Union Community College be accepted as transfer courses under the general studies curriculum. He stated that Southern Union will not fully move to the semester system until Fall 2000. Allen moved to approve the request. Morris seconded. AGSC unanimously approved.

Draft of Annual Report. Ellis distributed copies of a draft of the Annual Report of the AGSC's progress to date. Committee members were asked to contact Ellis with any additions or corrections.

AGSC Deadlines for Course Approvals 1999-2000 Academic Year. Sessions distributed a copy of proposed deadline dates for submissions of course approvals (copy attached). Sessions stated that this should be an annual process followed by all institutions. Sessions requested that Committee members be prepared to provide additions or corrections at the August meeting.

DECISION ITEMS

Election of Vice-Chair. Allen nominated Dr. James Yarbrough as Vice-Chair Elect of the AGSC. Malone moved that the nomination be accepted. Ellis seconded. Dr. James Yarbrough, Dean of Arts & Sciences-University of Alabama, was unanimously elected Vice-Chair Elect of the AGSC.

AGSC Budget. After discussion regarding the Alabama Association of School Boards claim that the Legislature has appropriated money from the Education Trust Fund for non-educational functions, Hines moved that the AGSC request that Dr. Jack Hawkins, Troy State University System, file a brief on behalf of the STARS program. Britt seconded. AGSC unanimously approved.

Area IV: Criminal Justice Subcommittee Recommendations. Glaze stated that due to the kinds of courses submitted under Criminal Justice, which were basically social sciences courses, the subcommittee requested that Sessions send them copies of syllabi for types of courses given in American Government and Sociology. After looking at the syllabi, the recommendation of the subcommittee is not to include Criminal Justice in Area IV.

Roach stated that the Chief Academic Officers (CAOs) have discussed the Criminal Justice issue and there is still consensus that it does not meet the criteria.

Johnson stated that he will write those who made the presentation for Criminal Justice to be included in Area IV to inform them of the recommendation of the subcommittee and CAOs.

Area V Pre-Professional Courses. Roach presented and distributed templates for the following Pre-Professional courses (copy of templates attached).

- Criminal Justice
- Human Sciences (AU, UM, A&M, JSU)
- Chemistry
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies
- Foreign Language (resubmission)
- Animal Science (A&M, AU)
- Fisheries Science (approved as modified) (AU)
- Food Science & Technology (A&M)
- Poultry Science (approved as modified) (AU)
- Agriculture Science (A&M)

Hines moved for the ratification of all templates submitted with the understanding that a list of courses be specified in Area V for institutions that only offer the program (free standing institutions). Parks seconded. AGSC unanimously ratified.

Nash stated that the number of hours being specified (19 or 23) in Area V should be indicated on the template.

The following templates are pending:

A&M:

- Family & Consumer Sciences Education
- Human Development & Family Studies
- Apparel, Merchandising & Design (AMD)

Ellis will confirm the number of hours to be taken in Area V.

JSU:

- Family & Consumer Sciences

Roach will clarify how many hours to select from in each category of programs listed.

Roach stated that some templates are being held until the question regarding Human Anatomy is resolved.

Discipline Committee Recommendations. Sessions distributed a list of courses (copy attached) recommended for approval from the following Discipline Committees: 1) Area/Ethnic Studies; 2) Geology, Physical Geography, Earth Science; 3) Mathematics; and 4) Physics, Physical Science, Astronomy.

Ellis moved for the approval of the Discipline Committee recommendations with the exception of UAB and TSUM Physical Science programs. Yarbrough seconded. The AGSC unanimously approved.

Discipline Committee Replacements. Roach stated that the CAOs have reviewed Discipline Committee replacements and will have their recommendations to the AGSC at the August meeting.

Interdisciplinary/Honors/Innovative Course Recommendations. Britt reported that five courses had been submitted by the University of Alabama. Four of the five courses submitted are recommended for approval: 1) UH 201 Survey Classics and Western Culture; 2) UH 202 Classics in Eastern Culture; 3) UH 101 Values of Society to be included in Area II; and 4) SS 121 Introduction to Social Sciences to be included in Area IV.

Hines moved for the approval of the IHI course recommendations. Yarbrough seconded. AGSC unanimously approved.

Report on Microbiology, Human Anatomy & Physiology. Johnson appointed Allen, Ellis, & Britt to meet as a subcommittee to examine the issue of including Human Anatomy courses in Area III. After some discussion from the Committee, Allen moved that Human Anatomy, Physiology, Biology, Micro- and Human Pathophysiology be removed from Area II for the two-year system. Parks seconded. AGSC unanimously approved.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

August 14, 1998	Department of Postsecondary Education Coast Room - 7th Floor
September 17, 1998	Department of Postsecondary Education President's Conference Room - 2nd Floor

INFORMATION ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

1. STARS Proposed Conversion Plan for Fall 1998 (Sessions) (Includes Transfer Guide & Agreement)
2. Review Chart of AGSC Approved Arts & Sciences Programs and Pre-Professional (French)
3. Templates & List of Templates Submitted for Ratification: July 16, 1998 (Roach)
4. Discipline Committee Course Recommendations (Sessions)
5. Course List from Southern Union Community College (Britt)
6. Update on STARS Access Plan (Sessions)
7. STARS On-line and Monthly Usage Report (Holley)

8. Draft of AGSC Annual Report (Ellis)

9. AGSC Deadlines For Course Approvals for 1999-2000 Academic Year (Sessions)

The July meeting of the Articulation & General Studies Committee was adjourned at 3:35 P.M.

Roy Johnson, Chair

Deborah Nettles, Recording Secretary