

STATE OF ALABAMA
Articulation and General Studies Committee
Alabama Center for Commerce / Coast Room
Department of Postsecondary Education
Montgomery, Alabama
March 12, 1998
10:00 A.M.

Minutes of Meeting

Committee members present:

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. Julius Brown, Alternate	Wallace Community College-Selma
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. Don Hines	University of West Alabama
Dr. Ed Roach, Alternate	University of West Alabama
Dr. Alfred Smith, Alternate	Alabama State University
Dr. Mike Malone	Troy State University Dothan
Dr. Elizabeth C. French	Commission on Higher Education
Dr. James Kimbrough	STARS
Mr. Keith Sessions	STARS

Others present: Maryanne Ivey-UAB; Ada Long-UAB; Mike Neilson; Jay Goldman-UAB; Amy Ward-UA; Joe L. Lewis-Samford University; W. Mark Tew-Judson College; Dr. Suzanne McGill-USA; and Bert Slatter-ADPE.

CALL TO ORDER	<p>Meeting was called to order by Dr. Roy Johnson, Vice-Chair. Verification of quorum was made by voice roll call of members present.</p> <p>Dr. Johnson welcomed everyone present. He stated that Dr. Susan McGill will serve as Alternate to Dr. Larry Allen-USA.</p>
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ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Johnson stated an addition to the agenda will be a presentation by Dr. Joe Lewis, Samford University. Britt moved for the adoption of the agenda. Yarbrough seconded. AGSC members unanimously
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Britt moved for the approval of the Minutes of February 13, 1998. Curry seconded. Minutes were approved as mailed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

STARS Report. Sessions presented the STARS On-line and Usage Reports. The report included the number of guides viewed, guides printed, and contracts printed. The STARS Year-End Report for 1997 was also distributed (copies attached). Sessions stated that STARS can provide a detailed report for individual institutions upon request.

Private Institutions. Dr. Joe Lewis, Samford University, stated that the private sector is concerned that the implementation of the Articulation law will affect the transfer of students between public and private institutions. Lewis stated that because courses currently offered by the private institutions do not match the general studies curriculum as approved, the curriculum is a potential obstacle to the transferability among public and private institutions.

Johnson stated that the intent of the AGSC is that the relationship between public and private institutions will remain the same. He stated that transfer between public and private institutions will be at the discretion of the receiving institution. Johnson stated that the AGSC would be willing to look at developing an information package that would address the transferability of programs between public and private institutions.

DECISION ITEMS

Area V Pre-Professional Courses. Roach presented the Pre-Professional course recommendations submitted by the Enhanced Discipline Committees and approved by the Chief Academic Officers (CAOs). The AGSC ratified the following Pre-Professional course recommendations:

Allied Health	Nuclear Medicine Health Information Management Clinical Laboratory Sciences/Medical Technology Radiography Surgical Physician Assistant Respiratory Therapy/Cardiopulmonary Sciences Occupational Therapy Cytotechnology Biomedical Sciences
Business	
Education	
Nursing	

Technology, Industrial Technology or Engineering Technology	
Engineering	Aerospace/Chemical/Civil/Computer Science/Computer Engineering/ Electrical/Industrial/Materials/Mechanical
(Morris distributed a summary of the engineering programs submitted. Copy attached.)	

Roach stated that Pre-Professional course recommendations are still pending for Communications, Computer Science, Human Science, Home Economics, Social Work, and Speech Pathology. Recommendations for these courses will be reviewed within the next thirty (30) days. Roach stated that April 1 is the deadline set for all recommendations to be submitted to the CAOs. The CAOs will vote on the remaining courses at their April 7th meeting.

Roach distributed a Clarifying Statement to be added, as appropriate, at the end of Area V (Copy attached). Parks stated that since the Enhanced Discipline Committees were only able to identify a certain number of courses that were specifically required for the major, the Clarifying Statement is designed to advise and encourage students to determine elective courses based on the minimum amount of time in which they have to graduate. The AGSC agreed that the Clarifying Statement will be used in Area V for the appropriate discipline.

Roach stated that he will add institution names to each course recommendation. He will also provide clarification for the following program designations:

Allied Health/Health Information Management: Statistics (Area V) Allied Health/Clinical Laboratory Sciences/Medical Technology: Statistics (Area V) Allied Health/Radiologic Sciences: Pre-calculus Algebra (Area III); Electives (Area V) Allied Health/Biomedical Sciences: Statistics (Area V) Business: Replace 59-60 Semester hrs for a 120 Semester hr program with 60 Engineering: Review course hours and make modifications as necessary (Area V)

Discipline Committee Recommendations. Sessions distributed a list of courses recommended for approval from the Discipline Committees (copy is attached).

Morris moved for the approval of course recommendations for Anthropology, Sociology, and Human Geography, Biology, Economics, Geology, Physical Geography, Earth Science, Mathematics, and Physics, Physical Science, & Astronomy. Hines seconded. AGSC unanimously approved.

Discipline Committee Member Replacements. Sessions stated that Roach has nominated two people for the Political Science Discipline Committee: Dr. Steven Haeveryle-UAB to replace Mary Guy and Dr. Thomas Dickson-AU to replace Robert Widell. The AGSC unanimously approved the member nominations.

Interdisciplinary/Honors/Innovative Course Recommendations. Ada Long requested that a fifth member be added to the Interdisciplinary/Honors/Innovative Course Committee. After some discussion, Hines recommended Mary Pagliero, University of West Alabama, to serve on the Committee.

Long presented the following course recommendations: Interdisciplinary Studies-Ethics 102-Southern Union Community College; Fundamentals of Interpersonal Communication-University of Alabama;

Motion Picture History & Criticism-University of Alabama; and Oral Interpretation of Literature-University of Alabama.

Parks moved for the approval of the course recommendations. Smith seconded. AGSC unanimously approved.

Implementation of General Studies Curriculum. Parks moved that the implementation of Areas I through IV for first time entering freshmen will begin in the fall 1998. Yarbrough seconded. AGSC unanimously approved.

The Committee agreed that a letter of notification will be sent from the Chair informing the CAOs and Presidents that Areas I through IV will be implemented beginning in the Fall 1998.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

April 10, 1998	Department of Postsecondary Education President's Conference Room-2nd Floor
May 14, 1998	Department of Postsecondary Education Coast Room-7th Floor

INFORMATION ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

1. Pre-Professional Course Recommendations/Clarifying Statement (Roach)
2. Newly Elected Discipline Committee Chairs (Sessions)
3. Discipline Committee Course Recommendations (Sessions)
4. Political Science Position Paper (Sessions)
5. STARS Reports (Sessions)

Parks moved for adjournment. Morris seconded. The March meeting of the Articulation & General Studies Committee was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Roy Johnson, Vice-Chair

Deborah Nettles, Recording Secretary