

STATE OF ALABAMA
Articulation and General Studies Committee
Alabama Center for Commerce / Coast Room
Department of Postsecondary Education
Montgomery, Alabama
May 14, 1998
10:00 A.M.

Minutes of Meeting

Committee members present:

Dr. Roy Johnson, Vice-Chair	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Joe Morris	Jefferson State Community College
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. Mike Malone, Alternate	Troy State University Dothan
Dr. Gary Branch, Alternate	Faulkner State Community College
Dr. Yvonne Kennedy	Bishop State Community College
Dr. Paul B. Mohr, Sr.	Commission on Higher Education
Dr. James Kimbrough	STARS
Mr. Keith Sessions	STARS

Others present: Ada Long-UAB; Mike Neilson-UAB; Jay Goldman-UAB; Nola Allen-USA; Bobby Simmons-Calhoun; Mary Pagliero-UWA; Jimmy Williams-UA; John C. Watkins-UA; and Bert Slafter-ADPE.

CALL TO ORDER	Meeting was called to order by Dr. Roy Johnson, Vice-Chair. Verification of quorum was made by voice roll call of members present.
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	AGSC members unanimously adopted the agenda with two additions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Morris moved for the approval of the Minutes of April 10, 1998. Yarbrough seconded. Minutes were approved as mailed with two corrections.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Nash distributed conference information on "Developing Effective Partnerships Between Two- Year & Four Year Colleges" and "Assessing General Education: A Questionnaire to Initiate Campus Conversations" (copies attached). He stated that some AGSC members may be interested in this information.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Standard Form of Articulation Agreement Contract. Sessions distributed a Proposed Conversion Plan for Fall 1998 (copy attached). He stated that the Plan reflects the direction that STARS is going in terms of Internet access to students. The proposed Plan includes 1) advantages of the new STARS system versus the current system; 2) requirements of two-year and four-year institutions, STARS, and the Articulation Committee; 3) Transfer Guide Request Page; 4) AGSC Transfer Guide; and 5) AGSC Transfer Guide Guarantee.

After some discussion regarding 1) the development of the articulation agreement format; 2) contracted students within the current STARS system; 3) transition from old STARS system to the new system; and 4) institutional conversion from quarter to semester hour system, the AGSC decided to review the STARS Proposed Conversion Plan for Fall 1998. Committee members will submit comments directly to Sessions.

STARS Report. Holley presented the STARS Usage and Online Report (copy attached). He stated that usage went down in the month of April. Alabama A&M will be on line by June 1998.

Area IV: Criminal Justice. Dr. John Watkins and Dr. Jimmy Williams, Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Alabama addressed the AGSC regarding the inclusion of Criminal Justice in Area IV of the general studies curriculum. Watkins explained the substantive areas of Criminal Justice and how they relate to social science (copy of presentation attached).

Williams stated that UA has an average of 600 plus students a year in this program, many of which are in the College of Arts & Sciences School of Business Administration and other areas. He stated that the educational mission of the Criminal Justice department is to educate undergraduates in a broad social science array. He added that the majority of the material taught in Criminal Justice is a combination of other disciplines such as Anthropology, Sociology, Criminology, and Political Science. He stated that he is concerned that this discipline was taken out of the general studies curriculum and would dissipate the social sciences.

Bobby Simmons, Chair of the Anthropology, Sociology, and Human Geography Discipline Committee, stated that Criminal Justice was listed under Sociology and Criminal Justice. He stated that since there was not a member on the discipline committee to explain that Criminal Justice was basically founded in Sociology and other fields, it was rejected because the Committee did not know how to interpret it.

Johnson stated that the AGSC will determine if Criminal Justice will meet the definition of being broad in scope and holistic enough to be included in Area IV for the sixteen degree granting institutions. He

appointed a subcommittee (Glaze/Britt/Yarbrough) to address the issue and report back to the AGSC. After some discussion, the AGSC decided that Social Work will also be reviewed by the subcommittee for consideration in Area IV.

Other Issues. Johnson distributed a standard information sheet of transfer admission requirements for students considering transferring to Auburn University (AU). He stated that the sheet does not mention the general studies agreement or the articulation agreement. He requested that all institutions begin to advise students of the articulation and general studies agreement. Glaze stated that AU's bulletin refers to articulation and general studies. She will bring this information sheet to the attention of the appropriate faculty at AU.

Nash stated that the AGSC should begin to consider methods of assessing the general studies curriculum. He stated that it is the obligation of the AGSC, whether required by law or not, to devise a mechanism to evaluate the general studies curriculum in terms of outcomes and usability for transfer.

DECISION ITEMS

Area III Request from Auburn: Glaze requested that Biology 106 (Human) and Biology 107 (Environmental) be accepted as transfer courses under the general studies curriculum for a two-year period. She stated that if AU students transferred these courses, AU wants to guarantee students that the courses would be accepted at other institutions.

Hines moved that the two Biology courses from AU be recognized as meeting the requirements of transfer to other institutions during AU's transition period from quarter to semester system. He encouraged other institutions facing similar problems to bring them before the AGSC. Morris seconded. AGSC unanimously approved.

Area IV: State and Local Government. Roach stated that the majority of responses received from the CAOs indicate that State & Local Government is not sufficiently global and comparative in its approach to qualify for its inclusion in Area IV. State and Local Government will not be included in Area IV.

Area V Pre-Professional Courses. Roach gave the following status report:

Allied Health	Complete
Business	Complete
Education	Complete
Nursing	Complete
Social Work	Complete
Speech Pathology	Complete
Technology	Complete
Chemistry	Complete
Engineering	Pending-Follow up in process
Communication	Pending
Computer Science	Pending

Theatre & Dance	Pending
Forestry	Pending
Agriculture	Pending

Roach stated that he will be scheduling a meeting of the Chief Academic Officers to approve templates which have been completed.

Clarifying Statement for Area V. Roach distributed an alternative statement to be used for Arts & Sciences in Area V (copy attached). After review and discussion, the AGSC agreed that the statement should be reworded to reflect "a minimum of 6 hours of the 19 semester hours or a minimum of 9 hours of the 23 semester hours". Roach will be meeting with the Deans of Arts & Sciences to present this statement. Statement will then be presented to the Chief Academic Officers for review and approval.

Discipline Committee Recommendations. Sessions distributed a list of courses recommended for approval from the following Discipline Committees: 1) Art & Art History; 2) Economics; 3) Foreign Language; 4) Mathematics; 5) Music & Music History; 6) Philosophy & Religious Studies; 7) Physics, Physical Science, Astronomy; 8) Speech; 9) Theatre & Dance; and 10) Biological Sciences.

Sessions stated that he has had difficulty in getting the Area & Ethnic Studies Discipline Committee to meet and respond to courses recommended. After discussion, Johnson appointed a subcommittee (Allen, Morris, Yarbrough, and Kennedy) to review the Speech courses and Area & Ethnic Studies courses.

Kennedy moved for the approval of the Discipline Committee course recommendations with the exception of the Speech course submitted by UA. Morris seconded. AGSC unanimously approved.

Discipline Committee Replacements. Sessions stated that the Geology, Physical Geography and Earth Science Discipline Committee would like to replace George Williams, Jr.-Calhoun Community College. Johnson asked Slafter to recommend a replacement. Session stated that the process of replacing one-third of each Discipline Committee's membership will begin in September 1998.

Interdisciplinary/Honors/Innovative Course Recommendations. Long introduced the new committee member, Mary Palgiero-UWA. Long stated that the Committee received five proposals submitted by the University of South Alabama. Three of the five courses submitted were approved: 1) AIS 105-Encounter with the Humanities; 2) APS 115-Encounter with the Social Sciences; and 3) APS 201 -Seasons of Life. Morris moved for the approval of the IHI course recommendations. Nash seconded. AGSC unanimously approved.

Meeting Dates. The AGSC agreed on the following meeting schedule. All meetings except the July meeting will be held at the Department of Postsecondary Education unless the Committee is invited to other sites: August 14th, September 17th, October 16th, November 19th, and December 15th.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

June 12, 1998	Department of Postsecondary Education President's Conference Room-2nd Floor
July 16, 1998	Faulkner State Community College

INFORMATION ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

1. "Developing Effective Partnerships Between Two-Year and Four-Year Colleges" (Nash)
2. "Assessing General Education: A Questionnaire to Initiate Campus Conversations (Nash)
3. Auburn University Transfer Admission Requirements (Johnson)
4. Clarifying Statement for Area V Courses-Arts & Sciences (Roach)
5. STARS Proposed Conversion Plan for Fall 1998 (Sessions)
6. Discipline Committee Course Recommendations (Sessions)
7. STARS On-line and Monthly Usage Report (Holley)
8. Criminal Justice Presentation Information (Watkins-Williams, UA)

The April meeting of the Articulation & General Studies Committee was adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

Roy Johnson, Vice-Chair

Deborah Nettles, Recording Secretary