

STATE OF ALABAMA
Articulation and General Studies Committee
Department of Postsecondary Education
Alabama Center for Commerce Building
President's Conference Room
September 17, 1998
10:00 A.M.

Minutes of Meeting

Committee members present:

Dr. James Yarbrough, Vice Chair	University of Alabama
Dr. Alfred Smith, Alternate	Alabama State University
Dr. Rod Britt, Alternate	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Linda Glaze, Alternate	Auburn University
Dr. Evelyn A. Ellis	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Susanne McGill, Alternate	University of South Alabama
Dr. Glenda M. Curry	Troy State University at Montgomery
Dr. Yvonne Kennedy, Alternate	Bishop State Community College
Dr. Ed Roach, Alternate	University of West Alabama
Dr. Paul Mohr	Commission on Higher Education
Mr. Keith Sessions	STARS

Others present: Maryanne Ivey-UAB; Wendy Troxel-UAB; Mike Neilson-UAB; Barbara Turner; and Bert Slafter-ADPE.

CALL TO ORDER	Meeting was called to order by Dr. James Yarbrough, Vice-Chair. Verification of quorum was made by voice roll call of members present.
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Curry moved for the adoption of the agenda. McGill seconded. AGSC unanimously adopted.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Curry moved for the approval of the Minutes of August 14, 1998. Ellis seconded. Minutes were approved as mailed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

STARS Report. Holley distributed copies of the usage report that included the 1998 summer usage and total usage to date (copy attached-#4& 5). Holley asked that the AGSC inform him of any types of reports they would like to see compiled.

Sessions stated that the usage report can be broken down by institution. He stated that a contact person from each institution receives a list of students who have received guides or contracts. The list includes addresses and telephone numbers for each student.

Update on STARS Access Plan. Sessions distributed copies of the updated STARS Access Plan which included the number of visitors who have viewed the STARS home page and the Transfer Guide Request Page (copy attached-#3). Sessions stated that two new links have been added to the STARS home page: AGSC Deadlines for Course Approvals for 1999-2000 and AGSC Course Requirements and Guidelines.

Sessions stated that STARS is currently working on breaking down usage by program of students, counselors, administrators, faculty, and others. He stated that STARS will continue to add programs to the system daily.

Meeting with ACHE Executive Director. Roach stated that he and others had met with the ACHE Executive Director to discuss the draft of the performance indicators report to be forwarded to the legislature as well as other matters. After some discussion including the issue of whether or not there was a budget plan to implement the performance indicators, the AGSC requested that Dr. Paul Mohr convey to Dr. Hector the following concerns related to the performance indicator report:

1. That the report will contain indicators that have not been approved or processed appropriately by the Chief Academic Officers.
2. That the lesson the AGSC has learned from the experience of the last year suggests that input from the CAO should be incorporated in issues that will impact all public colleges and universities throughout the state.
3. That some of the performance indicators identified in the report may have the potential of placing barriers to articulation and require institutions to implement procedures contrary to articulation., e.g. students in residence.
4. That the response deadline of three-days to react to the draft report was insufficient and that the work of the AGSC may be affected negatively by performance indicators that have not been adequately addressed.

Dr. Mohr stated that he will convey these concerns to Dr. Hector.

Resolution of Area V Requirements. The subcommittee (Slafter, Britt, Morris, and Yarbrough) is still in the process of working on a report which will be presented at the October meeting.

Area V Pre-Professional Courses. Roach gave a status report on Area V courses. He stated that the AGSC home page gives a good overview of all templates completed so far. The following Pre-Professional templates are still pending:

- Social Work

The following Enhanced Discipline Committee templates are still pending:

- English
- Speech
- Biological Science
- Physics, and Physical Science, Astronomy
- History
- Economics
- Theatre & Dance
- Anthropology, Sociology, Human Geography
- Geology, Physical Geography, Earth Science

No templates were presented for ratification.

Dr. Curry stated that on behalf of the AGSC she would like to thank Dr. Roach for all the work he has done in assisting in the integrating of concerns of the four-year institutions. She stated that should the AGSC ever attempt to do any work without including the Chief Academic Officers (CAOs), it would be a disaster. She stated that as the program develops, the critical element of any curriculum is the faculty and the leadership that the academic faculty contributes.

Course Submission Guidelines. Glaze asked the question: If courses change during the AU conversion from five quarter hrs to three semester hrs, do these courses need to be resubmitted through the course approval process? After some discussion, the AGSC decided that if the course content is the same, the institution would only need to submit a listing of the course(s) with credit hour changes indicated. If credit hours are being increased, the course(s) would need to be submitted to the Discipline Committee for approval.

Interdisciplinary/Honors/Innovative (IHI) Course Recommendations. Slafter reported that the following two courses were received by the IHI: 1) Aerospace Science for Educators; and 2) Principles of Human Communication. Slafter stated that since the IHI did not have a quorum, the course recommendations will be tabled until the October meeting of the AGSC.

DECISION ITEMS

Discipline Committee Course Recommendations. Sessions distributed a list of courses recommended for approval from the following Discipline Committees: 1) Psychology; and 2) Area and Ethnic Studies (copy attached-#2).

Curry moved for the approval of the Discipline Committee recommendations. McGill seconded. AGSC unanimously approved.

Discipline Committee Chair Elections. Sessions distributed an updated list of Discipline Committee Chairs elected to date (copy attached-#6). The list included the remaining committees who have not submitted nominations for 1998-99.

Curry moved for the approval of the Discipline Committee Chairs. Britt seconded. AGSC unanimously approved.

Discipline Committee Member Replacements. Sessions distributed a list of Discipline Committee Member Replacements for individuals whose terms have expired (copy attached-#1). The list included recommendations for all Discipline Committees.

Ellis moved that the Discipline Committee Replacement recommendations be accepted by the AGSC. Kennedy seconded. AGSC unanimously approved.

OTHER ISSUES: Ellis distributed copies of the AGSC Annual Report (copy attached- #7).

Britt stated that a presentation on the AGSC will be made to the State high School Counselors Association in Mobile in November.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

October 16, 1998	Department of Postsecondary Education President's Conference Room - 2nd Floor
November 19, 1998	Department of Postsecondary Education President's Conference Room - 2nd Floor

INFORMATION ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

1. AGSC Discipline Committee Replacements (Sessions)
2. Discipline Committee Course Recommendations (Sessions)
3. Update on STARS Access Plan (Sessions)
4. STARS Usage Report Summer (Holley)
5. STARS Total Usage Report (Holley)
6. Discipline Committee Chair Elections for 1998-99
7. AGSC Annual Report

Kennedy moved for the adjournment of the meeting. Ellis seconded. The September meeting of the AGSC was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

James Yarbrough, Vice-Chair

Deborah Nettles, Recording Secretary