

**STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**Articulation and General Studies Committee**  
**Department of Postsecondary Education**  
**Alabama Center for Commerce Building**  
**President's Conference Room**  
**May 20, 1999**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Committee members present:

Dr. Roy Johnson, Chair	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Barbara Jones, Alternate	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Linda Glaze, Alternate	Auburn University
Dr. Charles Nash, Alternate	University of Alabama
Dr. Suzanne McGill	University of South Alabama
Dr. Ed Roach	University of West Alabama
Dr. Mike Malone	Troy State University/Dothan
Dr. Joe Morris	Jefferson State Community College
Dr. Julius Brown, Alternate	Wallace Community College/Selma
Dr. Gary Branch, Alternate	Faulkner Community College/Gulf Shores
Dr. Elizabeth C. French	Commission on Higher Education
Mr. Keith Sessions	STARS
Dr. James Kimbrough	STARS

Others present: Maryanne Ivey-UAB; Michael Neilson-UAB; Wendy Troxel-UAB; Joey Holley-STARS; Donna Mobley-STARS; and Bert Slafter-ADPE.

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Meeting was called to order by Dr. Roy Johnson, Chair. Verification of quorum was made by voice roll call of members present.
<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b>	The Appeals Process for Student Transfer was tabled until the June meeting (a copy of discussion outline is attached-#5). The agenda was unanimously adopted with this correction.
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>	Morris moved for the approval of the Minutes with two corrections. McGill seconded. Minutes were approved with corrections.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**STARS Update & Usage Report.** Sessions distributed copies of the STARS Update and Usage Report (copy attached #4). The report included user access to the STARS home page the number of Transfer

Guides requested. He stated that new links to the web site allow students, advisors, and counselors to order additional STARS brochures. A Ratified Template Page has also been added to help counselors know which templates have a Transfer Guide.

## DECISION ITEMS

**Ratification of Templates.** Ritvo presented templates submitted by the Enhanced Discipline Committees (copy attached #1). He stated that all templates have a typographical error in Area IV – "...and at least ~~0-quarter~~ 10 quarter hours or 6 semester hours ..."

The following templates were ratified:

Middle/High School: General Science

Middle/High School: Geography

Middle/High School: History

Middle/High School: Math

Middle/High School: Social Studies

Physical Education

Special Education

The following templates were ratified with modifications:

<b>Program</b>	<b>Editorial Change in Area V</b>
<b>Art Education</b>	delete "from courses listed below" in Area V
<b>Elementary &amp; Early Childhood</b>	Change 12 semester hrs. to "11-12 semester hrs". Two science courses representing two areas disciplines such as Chemistry, Physics, Astronomy, or Geology from approved courses in Area III above and other than Biology. May include PHS 111 Physical Science I. Change in <b>Area III</b> . Bio 101 or 103 and Bio 102 or 104.
<b>English/Language Arts</b>	9 hrs. in Area V for 120 hr degree program 12 hrs. in Area V for 128 hr degree program
<b>Middle/ High School: French</b> <b>Middle/High School: Spanish</b> <b>Middle/High School: German</b>	9 hrs. in Area V for 120 hr degree program 12 hrs. in Area V for 128 hr degree program
<b>Middle/High School: Health Ed</b>	Change 12 to 12-13 semester hours. Delete the word "from".

<b>Speech or Communication Studies</b>	Referred back to the Enhanced Discipline Committee for clarification of History sequence and clarification of number of hours in Areas II, IV, and V.
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**The following templates were referred back to the Education Deans for clarification:**

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

After discussion, the AGSC agreed that it is the intent of the Committee that courses should not be counted in more than one Area.

**Interpretation Regarding Areas II-IV.** Johnson distributed copies of a letter he received from Neilson-UAB regarding conflicting interpretations of requirements for Areas II through IV of the general studies curriculum (copy attached-#2).

Neilson used Nursing as an example. He stated that the Nursing Deans are faced with the following concerns: 1) they have to comply with more than one accrediting agency; 2) at the time the template was approved by the Deans of Nursing there was no Chief Academic Officer review; and 3) when the template was developed by the Deans, they were under the impression that they could mandate courses. Neilson stated that if the Nursing Deans were submitting their template today, it would be a different template.

The following questions were presented to the AGSC for response:

**Interpretation 1.** If the template has not mandated specific courses in Areas II through IV, each institution can mandate courses for both native and transfer students from among the AGSC approved courses for those areas.

**Response:** *No. Johnson stated that the AGSC decided that Areas I through IV would be the general studies curriculum and that Area V would represent the articulation agreement. He further stated that the position of the AGSC has been that students are free to choose from the approved course listing and should receive the best advising based on which institution they plan to transfer. The receiving institution must accept the course credit earned from the approved listing.*

After a lengthy discussion, Malone moved that if a template has not mandated specific courses in Areas II through IV, students who plan to transfer will choose from the AGSC approved course listing. Jones seconded. AGSC unanimously approved. This statement will be added to the transfer agreement.

**Interpretation 2.** Each institution may mandate courses for its native students, but must accept any approved course in those areas from a transfer student who has a transfer agreement.

**Response.** The AGSC unanimously answered Yes

**Interpretation 3.** Request was made by Neilson to strike the question.

Johnson requested that Ritvo ask the Nursing Deans to resubmit their template as soon as possible with the understanding that students who already have guides will graduate under the provisions of that guide.

**Discipline Committee Course Recommendations.** Sessions distributed a list of courses recommended for approval from the following Discipline Committees (copy attached #3): 1) Mathematics; and 2) Physics, Physical Science, and Astronomy.

Morris moved for the approval of the Discipline Committee recommendations. Glaze seconded. The AGSC unanimously approved.

**Discipline Committee Course Approval Appeals.** Glaze-AU requested that the AGSC review courses submitted to the Mathematics Discipline Committee that have been rejected. Jones-A&M made the same request for courses submitted to the Economics Discipline Committee. Johnson granted the requests. He also requested that Sessions contact the chairs of the Mathematics and Economics Discipline Committees to invite them to the June, 1999 meeting of the AGSC for the review of these courses.

**AGSC Election of Chair and Vice-Chair.** Nash stated that due to Yarbrough's reassignment of responsibilities at the University of Alabama, he will not be serving as Chair of the AGSC. He reminded the Committee to consider at the next meeting the election of a Chair and Vice-Chair.

Johnson asked that the four-year and two-year representatives caucus and submit recommendations for a Chair and Vice-Chair. Roach will serve as caucus leader for a Chair from the four-year representatives. Morris will serve as caucus leader for a Vice-Chair from the two-year representatives.

Elections will take place at the June meeting.

## **SCHEDULE OF FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

July 23, 1999	Faulkner State Community College Gulf Shores Campus – Culinary Arts Center
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## **INFORMATION ITEMS DISTRIBUTED**

1. Templates Recommended for Ratification (Ritvo)
2. Questions from Neilson (Johnson)
3. Discipline Committee Course Recommendations (Sessions)
4. STARS Update and Usage Report (Sessions)

The May meeting of the AGSC was adjourned at 12:30 A.M.

Roy Johnson, Chair

Deborah Nettles, Recording Secretary