

STATE OF ALABAMA
Articulation and General Studies Committee
Faulkner State Community College
Gulf Shores Campus Culinary Arts Center
July 18-19, 2002
8:30 A.M.

MINUTES OF MEETING

The July 18, 2002 work session of the Articulation and General Studies Committee (AGSC) began at 3:15 P.M. Members Present: Roach, Wade, Nichols, Kirkpatrick, Morris, Glaze, Slafter, Pindzola, Jones, Stout, Nash, Britt, French, and Malone. Others present: Ivey-UAB and Holley-STARS.

Nash distributed copies of the recommendations of the Assessment Task Force from the Evaluation Report (copy attached-#1 Summary of Recommendations from Assessment Report). The Task Force recommendations were read and discussed at length. Specific subcommittee assignments and other implementation issues and schedules will be decided at the July 19, 2002 meeting.

The July 18, 2002 meeting of the AGSC was adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

The July 19, 2002 meeting of the AGSC was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Dr. Bert Slafter, Chair. After voice roll call, there was no quorum of members present.

Committee Members Present:

Dr. Bert Slafter, Chair	Department of Postsecondary Education
Dr. Linda Glaze	Auburn University
Dr. Rebekah Pindzola, Alternate	Auburn University
Dr. Barbara Jones	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Charles Nash, Alternate	The University of Alabama System
Dr. Sue Kirkpatrick	University of Alabama in Huntsville
Dr. Judy Stout	University of South Alabama
Dr. Rod Britt	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Joe Morris	Jefferson State Community College
Dr. James Wade, Alternate	Northwest Shoals Community College
Dr. Michael Malone	Commission on Higher Education
Dr. Elizabeth C. French, Alternate	Commission on Higher Education
Dr. Ed Roach	STARS
Mr. Shannon Nichols, Alternate	STARS

Others present: Maryanne Ivey-UAB and Joey Holley-STARS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS	Nash announced that the cities of Fairhope, Vestavia Hills, and Tuscaloosa-Northport were represented in Kansas City for the National Civic League All America city status. Out of thirty (30) finalists, three (3) were selected from Alabama. The Alabama programs featured were RISE, Tuscaloosa Family Resource Center, and the Police Athletic League. The programs are fundamentally based on citizen involvement in a democratic process to meet needs and challenges within communities.
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DISCUSSION ITEMS

AGSC/STARS Evaluation Project Recommendations. Nash presented recommendations from the Assessment Task Force (copy of attached-#1). Each recommendation was read and discussion followed. The STARS office distributed responses to each recommendation (copy attached-#3). The AGSC will address the twelve (12) recommendations as follows:

1. STARS. Recommendations (2,3,5,6,7,11) related to STARS, its organization, and relationship to the ACHE and AGSC. Dr. Ed Roach, Director of STARS and Vice-Chancellor for Troy State University System will chair a subcommittee to address the issues related in these recommendations and will present a report to the AGSC at the September meeting.
2. Institutional Web Pages. Recommendations (1,4) related to the improvement of institutional Area V web pages. Dr. Linda Glaze, Assistant Provost for Academic Affairs at Auburn University will chair a subcommittee to address these recommendations. Members of the subcommittee will include STARS staff, one two-year advisor, one four-year advisor, as well as faculty from UA (Priscilla Handcock), Jefferson State Community College (Mike Hobbs) and Southern Union Community College (Susan Salatto).
3. Uniform Course Numbering System. Recommendation (10) will be addressed at the September meeting.
4. Two Year System. Recommendations (8,9) related to the two-year system procedures for introducing STARS to students as well as ensuring that associate and baccalaureate degree requirements are aligned. Dr. Rod Britt, Dean of Academic Division of Southern Union Community College will chair a subcommittee appointed to address these issues.
5. Study. Recommendation (12) to implement a study to evaluate the success of community college students transferring to four year institutions. Dr. Charles Nash, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Alabama System, agreed to conduct a survey/study of universities that provide feedback to two-year colleges on transfer students. ACHE staff are scheduled to make a presentation on the statewide student database at the September meeting.

The AGSC will determine at the September meeting the mechanism for the distribution of the Evaluation Report.

AGSC Subcommittee on Institutional Contact Persons. Kirkpatrick referred members to the report of the subcommittee (copy attached-#5). Specific findings and recommendations of the subcommittee are outlined in the report.

After discussion, the AGSC decided to hold a workshop once a year for AGSC liaisons, transfer appeals contacts, and discipline committee chairs. The month of October will be targeted as a tentative date for the workshop. The STARS office will develop a master calendar to coincide with school semester scheduling and the responsibility of maintaining the institutional contact lists.

STARS Update & Usage Report. Nichols distributed copies of the STARS Usage Reports by institution and by major for the months of May and June, 2002 (copy attached - #4). He stated that the STARS office is currently working on a comparison of guides and Area V web pages. Information has been sent to the four-year institutions and some information has been verified.

Virtual Laboratories. Slafter reported that some colleges are now offering virtual laboratories in conjunction with their theory area. He cautioned the Committee to be mindful that courses generally are 120 or 180 semester hours even if the course is offered through the virtual laboratory approach.

AGSC 2002-2003 MEETING SCHEDULE:

September 30, 2002	10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. Montgomery
November 13, 2002	10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. Birmingham
January 31, 2003	10:00 A.M. ITS
March 14, 2003	10:00 A.M. Montgomery
May 5, 2003	10:00 A.M.

INFORMATION ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

1. Assessment Task Force Report and Recommendations (Nash)
2. AGSC/STARS Memorandum of Agreement (French)
3. STARS Responses to Assessment Task Force Report and Recommendations (Holley)
4. STARS Update & Usage Report (Nichols)
5. AGSC Subcommittee Report on Institutional Contact Persons (Kirkpatrick)

Bert Slafter, Chair

Deborah Nettles, Recording Secretary