

STATE OF ALABAMA
Articulation and General Studies Committee
May 22, 2002
10:00 A.M.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Committee Members Present:

Dr. Michael Malone, Chair	Troy State University Dothan
Dr. Bert Slafter, Vice-Chair	Department of Postsecondary Education
Dr. Linda Glaze	Auburn University
Dr. Rebekah Pindzola, Alternate	Auburn University
Dr. Shirley Houzer	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Alfred Smith	Alabama State University
Dr. Sue Kirkpatrick	University of Alabama in Huntsville
Dr. William Meehan	Jacksonville State University
Dr. Rod Britt	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Roy Johnson, Alternate	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Yvonne Kennedy	Bishop State Community College
Dr. Joe Morris	Jefferson State Community College
Dr. Elizabeth C. French	Commission on Higher Education
Dr. Ed Roach	STARS

Others present: Don Crump-SACS; Maria O'Neal-UAB; Peggy Wilds-HED; Maryanne Ivey-UAB; Regina McFadden-UAB; Joey Holley; and Shannon Nichols-STARS.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Smith moved for the adoption of the agenda. Glaze seconded. The agenda was adopted as distributed.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Meehan moved for the approval of the March 22, 2002 minutes. Britt seconded. Minutes were approved.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Malone announced that Dr. Linda Glaze will be serving as Vice-Chair of the AGSC.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

AGSC Agenda Items: Slafter distributed copies of the Articulation (ACT 94-202) legislation. He reminded the Committee that the legislation states that the "committee shall further examine the need for a uniform course numbering system, course titles, and descriptions." He requested that AGSC members be prepared to discuss this issue. He also requested that AGSC members prepare a written

prioritized list of recommendations/solutions in response to the findings of the Evaluation Project Final Report and submit to him by July 1. Any other issues or topics should also be submitted by July 1.

DECISION ITEMS

Evaluation Project Report. Crump, project coordinator, distributed copies of the Evaluation Project Report (copy attached-#1). After giving an overview of the intent of the project, the findings and recommendations were presented to the AGSC as follows:

1. Improvement of Area V pages should be a top priority of the AGSC and STARS.
2. Improved coordination and communication about curricular and degree program changes is necessary among academic committees, universities, and STARS.
3. The STARS website should be revised with primary emphasis given to use by students and advisors.
4. Monthly reports to universities need refinement.
5. Efforts to increase the visibility of STARS statewide are needed.
6. STARS should increase outreach services to ensure greater participation by all community colleges and state universities.
7. Community colleges should systematically introduce STARS to students early in their first semester of enrollment.
8. Careful review of the alignment of associate degree requirements with those for the baccalaureate degree should be completed.
9. The AGSC should not pursue a statewide uniform course numbering and title system.
10. The relationship between the AGSC and STARS needs clarification.
11. The AGSC needs to establish an executive position to fulfill administrative responsibilities and serve as the designated contact person for the committee and STARS.
12. The AGSC needs to conduct a carefully designed study to evaluate the success of community college students who transfer to state universities.

After discussion, Kennedy moved to accept the Evaluation Report. Britt seconded. Motion passed.

Smith moved that Crump be commended for the Evaluation Report. Britt seconded. Motion passed. The Assessment Task Force was also commended.

The AGSC agreed that the Evaluation Report be posted on the STARS web site.

STARS Update & Usage Report. Nichols distributed copies of the STARS Usage Reports by institution and by major for the months of March and April, 2002 (copy attached - #2). He reported that the usage report by institution has been changed to a bar graph layout.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

July 18-19, 2002	Faulkner State Community College Gulf Shores Campus
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INFORMATION ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

1. Evaluation Project Report (Crump)

2. STARS Update and Usage Reports (Nichols)

The May 22, 2002 meeting of the AGSC adjourned at 12:12 P.M.

Michael Malone, Chair

Deborah Nettles, Recording Secretary