

STATE OF ALABAMA
Articulation and General Studies Committee
University of Alabama at Birmingham Administration Building
Executive Conference Room
November 10, 2003
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Committee Members Present:

Dr. Linda Glaze, Chair	Auburn University
Dr. Rebekah Pindzola, Alternate	Auburn University
Dr. Shirley Houzer	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Barbara Jones, Alternate	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Sue Kirkpatrick	University of Alabama in Huntsville
Dr. Charles Nash, Alternate	University of Alabama System
Dr. Judy Stout	University of South Alabama
Dr. John Coker, Alternate	University of South Alabama
Dr. Ed Roach	Troy State University
Dr. Rebecca Turner, Alternate	Jacksonville State University
Dr. Rod Britt	Southern Union Community College
Ms. Susan Salatto, Alternate	Southern Union Community College
Mr. James Lowe, Alternate	Department of Postsecondary Education
Dr. Joe Morris	Jefferson State Community College

Ex-Officio Members:

Dr. Elizabeth C. French, Alternate	Commission on Higher Education
Mr. Keith Sessions, Executive Director	AGSC/STARS
Mr. Shannon Nichols, Alternate	AGSC/STARS

STARS Staff present: Joey Holley

Others present: Rosa Scripa-UAB and Dan Osborn-UAB

CALL TO ORDER	Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was determined by voice roll call of members present.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Ms. Susan Salatto, Southern Union Community College will replace Dr. James Wade, AGSC Vice- Chair.

	Dr. John Coker is a new alternate for the University of South Alabama. Ms. Linda Johnson, Southern Union Community College is a new two-year alternate.
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Britt moved for the adoption of the agenda. Roach seconded. The agenda was adopted as distributed.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Roach moved for the approval of the September 4, 2003 Minutes. Lowe seconded. Minutes were approved.

DECISION ITEMS

ACADEMIC COMMITTEES

Ratification of Templates. Holley reported that the Business Pre-Professional Academic Committee voted to deny Shelton State Community College's request to include BUS 220 Introduction to Accounting in Area V of the Business template (copy of e-mail correspondence attached-#2).

No Child Left Behind (NCLB). Nash reported that the Education Academic Committee is in the process of making modifications to the Teacher Education template based on NCLB requirements. He stated that the committee will be making a recommendation through the regular AGSC process.

Nash recommended that two-year representatives make a special effort to participate in the discussions regarding modifications to the template since statistics show that many students obtaining degrees in Early Childhood and Elementary Education begin at the two-year college level.

Executive Director's Report.

Points of Contact Workshops. Sessions and Glaze will conduct workshops in Birmingham (11/10/03), Montgomery (11/14/03), Mobile (11/17/03), and Huntsville (12/5/03). A schedule of the workshops was distributed (copy attached-#3). See attachment-3a for workshop materials.

AGSC/STARS Budget 2003-2004. Sessions stated that budget cuts have affected the AGSC/STARS program in several areas: telephone, travel, advertising, equipment upgrades, and student worker support. A copy of the AGSC/STARS 2003-2004 Budget Summary was distributed (copy attached-#4).

Committee members agreed that the budget will need to be restored to the FY2002 level of funding in order for the AGSC/STARS system to function properly. After discussion, the AGSC agreed that issues of importance include:

1. Clearly identifying the needs of AGSC/STARS;
2. Improvement of communication among Presidents, Chief Academic Officers, Points of Contact, and the Legislature;
3. Development of a student transfer follow-up study;
4. Development of a report of potential students academically prepared to transfer; and
5. Possible initiation of a fee for STARS system usage.

AGSC/STARS logo. Several logos were suggested for AGSC review (copy attached-#5) along with suggestions from Nash. Sessions stated that the original logo was designed for letterhead. The new logo will be used for publicity purposes to be given to counselors, advisors, and students.

After discussion, Kirkpatrick moved to keep the original logo used on the letterhead designed by Sessions with the addition of the STARS web address. Salatto seconded. Motion passed.

Student Recruitment. Holley reported that he has conducted several site visits around the state to high schools and community colleges focusing on "college preview days" to provide information about the STARS program and the STARS website. A postcard questionnaire was also distributed. STARS staff will continue to develop ways to attract and inform students of the STARS system.

Holley announced that he will attend the Alabama Counselors Association meeting on November 20, 2003. Ms. Amelia Pearson will be presenting information on the STARS system.

Nash reminded the Committee that the general studies curriculum should also be promoted during any kind of recruitment.

Judson College Request. Session stated that he has received a request from Judson College to participate in the Articulation program (copy of letter attached-#6). References to AGSC discussion on this issue were extracted from the AGSC minutes of March 12, 1998 and November 19, 1999 (copy of references attached-#6a).

After lengthy discussion, members agreed that the position of the AGSC remains the same as referenced in the November 19, 1999 minutes, "...the AGSC would encourage the private schools in Alabama to use the existing AGSC/STARS transfer information to establish their own transfer policies so that transferring to private schools is simplified and somewhat in line with the transfer process in place in the public sector in Alabama".

Sessions will contact Judson College with the response from the AGSC.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

STARS

Update & Usage Report. Nichols electronically distributed copies of the STARS Usage Reports for September/October, 2003 (copy attached #1). He noted that there are links on the STARS website to view these reports at any time. In the near future, all usage reports will be sent as a link to the Institutional Points of Contact.

A new usage report has been added to reflect usage from Advisors and Counselors.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE AGSC MEETINGS

January 22, 2004	10:00 a.m. ITS
March 12, 2004	10:00 a.m. TBA

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. STARS Usage Reports (Nichols)
2. Email Response from Pre-Professional Academic Committee (Holley)
3. AGSC/STARS Points of Contact (POC) Workshop Schedule (Sessions)
4. AGSC/STARS 2003-2004 Budget Summary (Sessions)
5. AGSC Logos (Sessions)
6. Request from Judson College (Sessions)

The November 10, 2003 meeting of the AGSC adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Linda Glaze, Chair

Deborah Nettles, Recording Secretary