

**STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**Articulation and General Studies Committee**  
**Department of Postsecondary Education**  
**President's Conference Room**  
**March 20, 2007**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Committee Members Present:

Dr. Susan Price, Chair	Department of Postsecondary Education
Dr. Juarine Stewart, Alternate	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Martha Pettway, Alternate	Alabama State University
Dr. Linda Glaze	Auburn University
Dr. Charles Nash, Alternate	University of Alabama System
Dr. Roosevelt Newsom, Alternate	University of North Alabama
Dr. Rod Britt	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Joe Morris	Jefferson State Community College
Ms. Susan Salatto, Alternate	Southern Union Community College

Ex-Officio Members:

Ms. Nancy Lacey, Alternate	Commission on Higher Education
Mr. Keith Sessions, Executive Director	AGSC/STARS
Mr. Shannon Nichols, Alternate	AGSC/STARS

Others Present: Dr. Dan Osborne-UAB; Dr. Richard Emanuel-ASU; and Ms. Diane Sherman-ACHE.

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	The regular meeting of the Articulation and General Studies Committee was called to order at 10:05 a.m. A quorum was determined by voice roll call of members present.
<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b>	Britt moved for the adoption of the agenda. Newsom seconded. The agenda was adopted.
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Dr. Janet Warren, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Services, Auburn University was named as a new member of the AGSC.
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>	Glaze moved for the approval of the October 3, 2006 Minutes with one correction. Newsom seconded. Minutes were approved as corrected.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

**AGSC Sub-committee on Future Program Study/Evaluation.** Sessions reported that the subcommittee has met over the past few months to discuss possible alternatives to evaluate and analyze the success of transfer students. The use of data that is already being collected by ACHE and the two-year CAPPs profile (College Accountability Performance Profile) are expected to facilitate possible alternatives. The subcommittee also discussed budget considerations and the possibility of obtaining grants in the future.

The University of Alabama at Birmingham has volunteered to assist Diane Sherman-ACHE in creating a design for the study. This subcommittee will include Sessions, a two-year representative and a four-year representative. A design overview will be presented to the AGSC at the summer meeting.

Nash suggested that the study include variables that show how well students perform when they transfer and what are the course areas of success and/or failure. He also suggested that the study be maintained on an annual basis.

There was discussion regarding possible variables to use, including but not limited to 1) number of completed credit hours; 2) percentage of full time students registered; 3) students concurrently enrolled while in high school; 4) major; 5) age; 6) gender; 7) ethnicity; 8) high school attended; 9) remediation in Math and English; 10) high school GPA; 11) financial assistance; and 12) county of origin.

Nash reminded AGSC members that UA collects data reports that track students by several variables including courses. Dr. Yardley Bailey-UA will work with Diane Sherman.

**STARS Usage Reports.** Nichols reported that usage reports continue to be posted on the STARS website. Requests for specific data are welcomed. (Usage reports for January and February, 2007 are attached - #1).

Sessions commented that he has collected recruiting material sent to him from different institutions as a result of experimenting with the STARS system as a mock student. He will share information collected at the summer meeting.

**Oral Communication Requirement.** Dr. Richard Emanuel, Associate Professor of Communication, Alabama State University gave a presentation to the Committee in support of requiring Speech in the general studies curriculum in Area I. A copy of the presentation material is attached-#3.

Sessions stated that the AGSC does not dictate what each institution requires in their core curriculum. An institution can require Speech if they want to. The two-year system requires Speech in Area II.

Members of the AGSC thanked Dr. Emanuel for his presentation.

## DECISION ITEMS

### ACADEMIC COMMITTEES

**Academic Committee Course Recommendations.** Sessions presented two course proposals recommended for approval by the English & Literature Academic Committee for UAH (copies attached-

#2). Britt moved for approval of the Academic Committee recommendation. Salatto seconded. Motion passed.

Sessions presented two (UAB) course proposals and twenty (TU) course proposals recommended for approval by the Foreign Language Academic Committee (copies attached-#2).

Britt moved for approval of the Academic Committee recommendations. Nash seconded. Motion passed.

Sessions presented two course proposals recommended for approval by the History Committee for TU (copies attached-#2).

Salatto moved for approval of the Academic Committee recommendations. Britt seconded. Motion passed.

Sessions presented a course proposal for the two-year system recommended for approval by the Philosophy & Religious Studies Academic Committee (copies attached-#2).

Glaze moved for approval of the Academic Committee recommendation with the amendment of deleting History from the title of the program. Salatto seconded. Motion passed.

**Physical Anthropology-USA.** At the October 3, 2006 meeting, the AGSC voted to send this course to the Physics, Physical Science & Astronomy Academic Committee for approval. Sessions reported that the Academic Committee voted 9-3 against recommending the course for approval as a substitute for Physical Science in Area III.

Britt moved to approve the course as the Anthropology Academic Committee originally recommended as a course in Area IV. Glaze seconded. Price called for the vote. The vote was 7-1 in favor of approval. Motion passed.

### **Schedule of Future AGSC Meetings**

July 2007	TBA
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### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. AGSC/STARS Usage Reports (Nichols)
2. Academic Committee Course Recommendations (Sessions)
3. Oral Communication Presentation (Emanuel)

The March 20, 2007 meeting of the AGSC adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Susan Price, Chair

Deborah Nettles, Recording Secretary