

STATE OF ALABAMA
Articulation and General Studies Committee
Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center
October 18, 2007
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Committee Members Present:

Dr. Barbara Jones, Chair	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Martha Pettway, Alternate	Alabama State University
Dr. Linda Glaze	Auburn University
Dr. Daniel Osborn	University of Alabama at Birmingham
Dr. Charles Nash, Alternate	University of Alabama System
Dr. Keith Harrison	University of South Alabama
Dr. Ed Roach	Troy University
Dr. Roosevelt Newsom, Alternate	University of North Alabama
Ms. Susan Salatto	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Nancy Chandler	Faulkner State Community College
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. Dendy Moseley, Alternate	AGSC/STARS

Others Present: Jeff Barksdale-AUM; Diane Sherman-ACHE; and Paula Stokes Clark-AU.

CALL TO ORDER	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.
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Glaze moved for the adoption of the agenda. Salatto seconded. The agenda was adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS	<p>Glaze welcomed AGSC members to the Auburn University campus.</p> <p>Three new members of the AGSC were introduced: Dr. Dan Osborn, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Dr. Nancy Chandler, Faulkner State Community College, and Dr. Vicki Hawsey, Wallace State Community College.</p>
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<p>Glaze moved for the approval of the July 19-20, 2007 Minutes with corrections. Salatto seconded. Minutes were approved as corrected.</p>

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Oral Communication Requirement. Sessions stated that he received another request from Dr. Richard Emanuel-ASU regarding the oral communication requirement (copy of request and proposal are attached - #7).

Sessions will send a letter to Dr. Emanuel informing him of the AGSC decision made at its July 20, 2007 meeting which included recommendations from the Chief Academic Officers.

AGSC/STARS Presentation to ACHE. Jones reported that the Annual Report of the AGSC was given to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education on September 21, 2007 (copy attached - #8). She stated that the response to the report was good.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director MBO Plan 2007-08. Sessions presented the MBO Plan for 2007-08 (copy attached - #3). The AGSC 2007-08 priorities outlined at the July meeting have been added to the MBO Plan. After some discussion, Nash requested that numbers be used to itemize the text instead of bullets.

Roach moved that the MBO Plan be used by the subcommittee as a guide to evaluate the Executive Director. Chandler seconded. Motion passed.

AGSC/STARS 2007-08 Budget. Sessions presented the AGSC/STARS Budget for 2007-08 (copy attached - #4). He thanked ACHE for the \$50,000 increase.

After review, Jones requested that the budget include a column that reflects the previous year budget.

AGSC Research Subcommittee. Sessions presented the Research subcommittee report (copy attached - #5). He stated that the report will serve as a guide to address Stage 1 questions in 2007-08 (What is the baccalaureate graduate rate of Alabama community college students who transfer to Alabama four year institutions?) and Stage 2 questions in 2008-09 (What are the retention rates of Alabama community college students who transfer to Alabama four your institutions?)

After lengthy discussion, the AGSC requested that Diane Sherman present a sample template of variables that will be produced from Stage 1 questions by the January, 2008 meeting.

STARS Usage Reports. Sessions presented the usage reports from the STARS website for September 2007. He encouraged members to request institutional specific reports if needed. (Usage reports for September are attached - #6)

Jones requested that the Administrative Reports include a column that reflects previous year activity.

STARS Website Updates. Sessions and Moseley demonstrated the Live Help feature that is now available on the STARS website. Questions regarding articulation are answered by the STARS staff during a live session from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

DECISION ITEMS

ACADEMIC COMMITTEES

Academic Committee Course Recommendations. Sessions presented one course proposal recommended for approval by the Political Science Academic Committee for TU (copy attached-#1):

World Politics (TU)

Glaze moved for approval of the Academic Committee recommendation. Newson seconded. Motion passed.

UAB Honors Program. At the July 20, 2007 meeting, the AGSC requested that Sessions and Nettles research the historical records and the STARS website for the approval of the UAB Honors Program statement on the approved course listing. ("If the program is fully completed at UAB, a transfer student from UAB will be granted credit for the 41 semester hours (Areas I-IV) of the General Studies Curriculum.") Research revealed that the AGSC approved the UAB Honors program as interdisciplinary/honors on July 11, 1997 (copy attached - #2).

There was lengthy discussion regarding the second paragraph of the statement, "If a student transfers prior to the completion of the full honors program at UAB, the Director of the Honors Program at UAB will coordinate with the receiving institution concerning the number of hours that should transfer and the appropriate substitution for Areas I-IV of the General Studies Curriculum."

Glaze moved that the STARS website include the entire statement regarding the UAB Honors program to the UAB course listing including the date of approval. Roach seconded. Motion passed.

There was discussion regarding an institution's prerogative to accept the number of hours that should transfer and the appropriate substitution of interdisciplinary/honors courses for Areas I-IV.

Newson moved to refer the issue of transferability of interdisciplinary/honors courses for Areas I-IV to the Chief Academic Officers for discussion. Harrison seconded. Motion passed.

Schedule of Future AGSC Meetings

January 25, 2008	Jefferson State Community College Birmingham, AL
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INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Academic Committee Course Recommendations (Sessions)
2. UAB Honors – AGSC Minutes from July 11, 1997 (Sessions)
3. Executive Director MBO Plan 2007-08 (Sessions)
4. AGSC/STARS Budget 2007-08 (Sessions)
5. AGSC Research Subcommittee Report (Sessions)
6. AGSC/STARS Usage Reports (Sessions)
7. Oral Communication Proposal (Sessions)
8. AGSC Annual Report Presentation to ACHE (Jones)

The October 18, 2007 meeting of the AGSC adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Barbara Jones, Chair

Deborah Nettles, Recording Secretary