

STATE OF ALABAMA
Articulation and General Studies Committee
Department of Postsecondary Education
May 22, 2009
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Committee Members Present:

Dr. Daniel Osborn, Vice-Chair	University of Alabama at Birmingham
Dr. Barbara Jones	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Linda Glaze	Auburn University
Dr. Jeff Barksdale, Alternate	Auburn University at Montgomery
Dr. Keith Harrison	University of South Alabama
Dr. William Meehan	Jacksonville State University
Dr. Ed Roach	Troy University
Dr. Joe Morris, Alternate	Jefferson State Community College
Dr. Rod Britt	Southern Union Community College
Dr. James Mitchell	Wallace State Community College-Selma
Dr. Kandis Steele, Alternate	Department of Postsecondary Education

Ex-Officio Members:

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

Others Present: Pamela Arrington-ACHE, and Ms. Jackie Hundley.

Committee Members Absent:

Dr. Lloyd Walker, Alternate	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Alfred Smith	Alabama State University
Dr. Karyn Scissum-Gunn, Alternate	Alabama State University
Dr. Charles Nash, Alternate	University of Alabama System
Dr. Victoria Rivizzigno, Alternate	University of South Alabama
Dr. Richard Holland, Alternate	University of West Alabama
Dr. Susan Price, Chair	Department of Postsecondary Education
Dr. Nancy Chandler, Alternate	Enterprise-Ozark Community College

Dr. Vicki Hawsey, Alternate	Wallace Community College-Hanceville
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CALL TO ORDER	The regular meeting of the Articulation and General Studies Committee was called to order at 10:15 a.m. A quorum was determined by voice roll call of members present.
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Meehan moved for the adoption of the agenda as distributed. Mitchell seconded. The agenda was adopted.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Jones moved for the approval of the February 10, 2009 Minutes with corrections. Mitchell seconded. Minutes were approved with corrections.
RECOGNITIONS	Sessions welcomed Ms. Jackie Hundley, a visiting student from Auburn University majoring in Software Engineering. Dr. Rod Britt was presented with an award from AGSC members for his service to the AGSC.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

AGSC Membership Attendance. The membership appointment for the regional universities is still pending (attachment-#1). Sessions will continue to monitor meeting attendance (attachment-#2).

Executive Director's Report

AGSC/STARS 2008-09 Budget. Sessions gave an update on the 2008-09 AGSC budget (attached-#5). Meehan moved for approval of the amended budget. Roach seconded. Motion passed.

AGSC/STARS 2008-09 MBO Plan. Sessions presented a status report on the MBO Plan.

Executive Director's Objectives. All Priority activities will be met according to the MBO Plan.

AGSC Priorities. There was discussion regarding the effects the budget will have on the 2008-09 AGSC Priorities. With the exception of Priority three, all priorities should be met. Since Priority three calls for strengthened communication of the STARS program with students, administrators, faculty, parents, legislators, and the general public, activities associated with this priority have been severely affected by the budget cuts. For purposes of planning and budgeting for the next fiscal year, the AGSC requested that Sessions provide the AGSC with a summary of activities accomplished and those activities that were planned for but not implemented in the areas of Priority three at the July meeting.

AGSC/STARS 2009-10 Budget. Sessions pointed out that new computer equipment (server) must be included and factored into next year's budget.

STARS Usage Reports. Sessions reported that the current usage reports and the two-year CAPPS report are posted on the STARS website (copy attached-#3). Specific institutional requests can be made to the STARS office.

Oral Communication Request. There was discussion regarding a request from Dr. Richard Emanuel, ASU, to include descriptive language in Area II regarding Oral Communication: "Because effective oral communication skills are essential in a democratic society in this information age, where practical, an oral communication course should be one of the Humanities courses selected to fulfill Area II requirements." A copy of request is attached-#6.

After discussion, the AGSC agreed that the current structure used to list courses in Area II is sufficient and that no additional language is needed.

DECISION ITEMS

ACADEMIC COMMITTEES

Ratification of Templates. Sessions presented the following institutional specific template for ratification recommended by the Chief Academic Officers (copy attached - #4):

- Interpreter Training Program(TU)

After discussion regarding several changes to the Interpreter Training Program (TU) template, Glaze moved for ratification with changes in the Literature requirement. Courses in Area V will be listed and the word "must" deleted. Roach seconded. Motion passed.

OTHER ISSUES: HB485 (Regular Session 2009) which proposes an electronic common admission application form to be used at two and four-year institutions in the state, was distributed for information purposes (copy attached-#7).

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE AGSC MEETINGS

July, 2009	TBA	Auburn University Montgomery
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INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Letter to Council of Presidents re: AGSC Appointments (Price)
2. AGSC/STARS Attendance Re-cap 2006-2008 (Sessions)
3. AGSC/STARS Usage Reports (Sessions)
4. Ratification of Templates (Sessions)
5. AGSC/STARS 2008-09 Budget (Sessions)
6. Oral Communication Request (Sessions)
7. HB485 (Sessions/Osborn)

The May 22, 2009 meeting of the AGSC adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Dan Osborn, Vice-Chair

Deborah Nettles, Recording Secretary