

**STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**Articulation and General Studies Committee**  
**Wallace Community College, Selma**  
**Hank Sanders Technology Center – Conference Room**  
**May 6, 2010**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Committee Members Present:

Dr. Dan Osborn, Chair	University of Alabama at Birmingham
Dr. Barbara Jones	Alabama A & M University
Dr. Alfred Smith	Alabama State University
Dr. Linda Glaze	Auburn University
Dr. Jeff Barksdale, Alternate	Auburn University Montgomery
Dr. Charles Nash, Alternate	University of Alabama System
Dr. Keith Harrison	University of South Alabama
Dr. Victoria Rivizzigno, Alternate	University of South Alabama
Dr. Ed Roach	Troy University
Dr. Terry Roberson, Alternate	University of Montevallo
Dr. James Mitchell, Vice Chair	Wallace State Community College-Selma
Dr. Mark Heinrich	Shelton State Community College
Dr. Amelia Pearson, Alternate	Southern Union State Community College
Dr. Joe Morris, Alternate	Jefferson State Community College
Dr. Kandis Steele, Alternate	Department of Postsecondary Education
Dr. Susan Price (by telephone)	Department of Postsecondary Education

Ex-Officio Members:

Dr. Keith Sessions, Executive Director	AGSC/STARS
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Others Present: Dr. Patricia Duffy – Auburn University; Mr. Shannon Nichols – STARS; Mr. Dendy Moseley – STARS; Mrs. Nancy Lacey – ACHE

Committee Members Absent:

Dr. Lloyd Walker, Alternate	Alabama A & M University
Dr. Karyn Scissum-Gunn, Alternate	Alabama State University
Dr. William Meehan	Jacksonville State University
Dr. Richard Holland, Alternate	University of West Alabama

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	The regular meeting of the Articulation and General Studies Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was determined by voice roll call of members present.
<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b>	Glaze moved for adoption of the agenda. Jones seconded. The motion passed.
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>	Jones moved for approval of January 22, 2010 Minutes with corrections. Morris seconded. Minutes approved with corrections.  Osborn requested clarification of Robert's Rules of Order as related to action items on the agenda. Committee concurred that movement and second must be made, then discussion. If there are no amendments to the motion a vote can be taken. If there are amendments to the motion a new motion to include amendments and a second is required prior to a vote.
<b>WELCOME</b>	Mitchell welcomed everyone to Wallace Community College in Selma.

### **RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS:**

Osborn recognized the following new members who will be replacing Dr. Vicki Hawsey and Dr. Nancy Chandler. They will be representing the Alabama Community College System:

Dr. Mark Heinrich	Shelton State Community College
Dr. Amelia Pearson, Alternate	Southern Union State Community College

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

Sessions gave special recognition to Dr. Linda Glaze who has been with the AGSC since 1998. Dr. Glaze has been very diligent in her attendance and contributions to the committee. She takes with her many years of history, and she will be missed. Sessions presented Glaze with a gift certificate on behalf of the committee as a thank you for her years of service to the AGSC.

### **USAGE REPORTS:**

Nichols reported that the monthly usage reports have been added to the STARS website (attached #1). Nichols also stated that STARS usage has increased by 1% compared to last year. Osborn commented on the usefulness of the monthly usage reports. Nash requested to see STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) fields included in the charts to monitor activity in this area. Glaze stated that she would provide a list of majors for these areas. Rivizzigno recommended adding a STEM tab to the STARS website. Nichols will incorporate the STEM fields in the charts for monitoring purposes.

## **ACADEMIC COMMITTEES**

Communication Studies Committee Request Sessions stated that the Communication Studies and Mass Communication Academic Committees requested a change in their course guidelines (attached #2). Roach moved to approve the request. Glaze seconded. There was discussion regarding the inclusion of a grandfather clause for currently enrolled students (Morris and Steele) and a recommendation (Morris and Nash) that students be allowed to choose between Area II or Area IV if they take Interpersonal Communication through the summer of 2011. Jones moved to accept the original motion with amendments. Glaze seconded. Motion passed.

Academic Committee Course Recommendations. Sessions presented the following course proposals for approval by Academic Committees (attached #3):

### AN 100-Introduction to Anthropology (University of West Alabama)

The Anthropology Academic Committee recommended approval for Area IV. Steele moved to accept. Pearson seconded. Sessions and Barksdale clarified that this course does not include a lab. The motion passed.

### CA 100-Introduction to Communication (University of South Alabama)

The Communication Studies Committee recommended approval for Area IV. Harrison moved to accept. Glaze seconded. Clarification by Rivizzigno that the course be listed as "Introduction to Communication" rather than as listed "Intro to Communication." The motion passed.

### CA 211-Interpersonal Communication (University of South Alabama)

The Communication Studies Committee recommended approval for Area IV. Harrison moved to accept. Steele seconded. Sessions and Glaze stated that this course was previously rejected by the Communication Academic Committee; however subsequently recommended for approval by the IHI Academic Committee. IHI (Interdisciplinary/Honors/Innovative) deals with courses that don't have a clear fit in other academic areas. The motion passed.

### IS 100-Global Issues (University of South Alabama)

The Social Science Academic Committee recommended approval for Area. IV. Glaze moved to accept. Roberson seconded. The motion passed.

### GEO 105-Sustainable Earth (University of Alabama)

The Geological Sciences Academic Committee recommended approval for Area III. Roach moved to accept. Glaze seconded. The motion passed.

### NS 101-Natural Science: Principles and Practice (University of Alabama)

The Chemistry Academic Committee recommended approval for Area III. Pearson moved to accept. Steele seconded. Sessions stated that this course was not sent through the Physical Science Academic Committee because it better suited the guidelines for the Chemistry Academic Committee.

Nash questioned if it included biology. Glaze stated that the readings indicate some biology is covered. The motion passed.

Ratification of Templates. Sessions presented the following templates for ratification recommended by the Chief Academic Officers (attached #4):

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJOR (USA, UAB, UA, AUM) (tabled from last meeting).

Recommendation from the International Studies Ad Hoc Committee to ratify template as presented. Sessions stated that requirements in Area IV were modified. Steele stated that POL 236 was rarely offered by the two-year colleges. Of the scenarios discussed it was moved by Glaze to accept with amendments as follows: Area V changed to include selection of POL 236 or an additional 3 hours from Area IV. Steele seconded. The motion passed.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS MAJOR (USA) – Recommendation from Harold Pardue, School of Computer and Information Sciences, University of South Alabama to ratify template as presented. Sessions stated that there were no changes to Areas I – IV; however, there was a change in the technology requirement in Area V. Steele stated she could see no problems with the technology requirement; however, SPH 228 is not usually offered in the two-year system. Steele moved to accept with amendments as follows: Modify Area V to include a choice between SPH 228 or SPH 106. Morris seconded. The motion passed.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (USA) – Recommendation from Robert Sweeney, Jr. School of Computer and Information Sciences, University of South Alabama to ratify template as presented. Harrison recommended the same amendment to the Information Technology template as was approved previously for the Information Systems template; Modify Area V to include a choice between SPH 228 or SPH 106. Jones moved to accept. Mitchell seconded. The motion passed.

## **AGSC FOLLOW-UP TO REQUEST FROM DR. RICHARD EMMANUEL, ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Sessions presented a third request from Dr. Emanuel (ASU) (attached #5). Morris stated that this is not an issue for AGSC. After discussion those present agreed. Smith instructed AGSC/STARS staff to refer Dr. Emmanuel to him for future requests of the same nature.

### **Survey: AGSC Budget Subcommittee Recommendations:**

Osborn presented a report of results from the survey (attached #6) with the statement that the recommendation for conducting a self-study is dead. The following members of the AGSC Budget subcommittee were present: Steele and Osborn. Roach requested to address the committee.

Roach stated that information distributed at the January meeting by the sub-committee was not made available to all members prior to the meeting and that the only item that was on the agenda relative to this subject was the STARS budget review. Roach further stated this sub-committee was named in the October 2009 meeting and never voted on by the committee, which is not consistent with Roberts Rules of Order. Roach also reported that the purpose of the AGSC is clearly outlined in the legislation; 1) to develop a statewide general studies curriculum, 2) to develop an articulation process, 3) to maintain the system once in place, and 4) to develop a common course numbering system, which the

AGSC agreed not to pursue. He also stated that changing of the Memorandum of Agreement is not the purview of this committee and any change to the MOA would be the result of discussion and agreement between Dr. Gregory Fitch, Executive Director for ACHE and Dr. Jack Hawkins, Chancellor of Troy University. Dr. Roach requested his written response be included in the minutes (attached #7).

Steele concurred that the subcommittee should not have been addressing issues pertaining to the operation of STARS or budgetary matters. Osborn, AGSC Chair offered apologies for any misunderstanding. He also states that he feels the committee has morphed into a misconception.

Nash offered a Proposal for Way Forward per Budget Issue, FY 2011 (attached #8). Clarification from Nash in reference to guidance by the AGSC Committee to STARS, AGSC will provide guidance only if it is requested by STARS, Troy University, or ACHE. Morris stated this document needs to be taken back and reviewed by the two-year institutions before being returned for discussion. Roach opposed moving forward with the suggestion offered by Nash. There was some discussion relative to adding this item to the agenda in July. Jones and Nash concurred that any member can request an addition to the agenda.

## **SCHEDULE OF FUTURE AGSC MEETINGS**

Sessions stated that the next meeting is scheduled for July 29, 2010 and will be held in Auburn. Sessions asked for a decision from the committee on including the proposal from Nash on the agenda for the July meeting. Jones requested it be included on both the planning agenda and the regular session agenda.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Usage Reports (Nichols)
2. Communication Studies Committee Request for Guideline Changes (Sessions)
3. Approval of Course Proposals (Sessions)
4. Template Ratification (Sessions)
5. AGSC follow-up to request from Dr. Richard Emmanuel (Alabama State University)
6. Report from sub-committee - Self-Study (Osborn)
7. Written response to sub-committee re: Self-Study (Roach)
8. Proposal for Way Forward per Budget Issues, FY 2011 (Nash)

Morris moved the meeting be adjourned. Rivizzigno seconded. The May 6, 2010 meeting of the AGSC adjourned at 12:15pm.

Dan Osborn, Chair

Anita Walker, Recording Secretary  
AGSC/STARS Office