

STATE OF ALABAMA
Articulation and General Studies Committee
Auburn University at Montgomery
10th Floor - Library Tower, East Room
October 15, 2010

MINUTES OF MEETING

Committee Members Present:

Dr. Barbara Jones	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Patricia Duffy	Auburn University
Dr. Jeff Barksdale, Alternate	Auburn University at Montgomery
Dr. Charles Nash, Alternate	University of Alabama System
Dr. Keith Harrison, Vice-Chair	University of South Alabama
Dr. Terry Roberson, Alternate	University of Montevallo
Dr. Mark Heinrich	Shelton State Community College
Dr. Amelia Pearson, Alternate	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Joe Morris	Jefferson State Community College
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. Shannon Nichols	AGSC/STARS
Mr. Dendy Moseley	AGSC/STARS
Ms. Anita Walker	AGSC/STARS

Others Present: Julie Irvin-UA, Brandi Baker-UA, Jessica Griffin-UA, Marcus Paramore-TU, and Richard Federinko-TU.

Committee Members Absent:

Dr. Lloyd Walker, Alternate	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Alfred Smith	Alabama State University
Dr. Karyn S. Gunn, Alternate	Alabama State University
Dr. William Meehan	Jacksonville State University
Dr. Richard Holland, Alternate	University of West Alabama
Dr. Victoria Rivizzigno, Alternate	University of South Alabama

Dr. John Schmidt	Troy University
Dr. Susan Price	Department of Postsecondary Education
Dr. James Mitchell, Chair	Wallace State Community College-Selma

CALL TO ORDER	The regular meeting of the Articulation and General Studies Committee was called to order at 10:07 a.m. A quorum was determined by voice roll call of members present.
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	<p>Nash moved that the word "information" be deleted from Item 12 (Information Item - Budget Update). Jones seconded. Motion passed.</p> <p>Duffy moved that the word "information" be deleted from Item 13 (Information Item - Executive Director's MBO Plan for 2010-2011). Nash seconded. Motion passed.</p> <p>Agenda Item 7 (AGSC Membership Update) was moved to Item 4.</p> <p>Nash moved to approve the agenda as modified. Jones seconded. Motion passed.</p>
AGSC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE	<p>Session announced that Dr. John Schmidt, Senior Vice-Chancellor, Troy University, has been appointed by the regional presidents to replace Dr. Ed Roach. Sessions provided copies of letters and emails from the regional presidents endorsing the appointment of Dr. Schmidt (copies attached-#1). Marcus Paramore, Director of Government Relations, Troy University attended the meeting for Dr. Schmidt.</p> <p>Sessions noted that the appointment of Dr. Schmidt requires ratification by the Council of Presidents (COP). He will request this be an action item at the next scheduled meeting of the COP.</p> <p>Nash stated that a replacement will be appointed for Dr. Dan Osborn by the next meeting.</p>
WELCOME	Barksdale welcomed everyone to the meeting. Sessions thanked Barksdale for accommodating the AGSC at such short notice.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<p>Jones moved for the approval of the July 29, 2010 Minutes with corrections. Duffy seconded. Minutes were approved as corrected.</p> <p>Sessions presented his concerns regarding the draft of the July 29, 2010 minutes (copy attached - #2), and in particular, the statement by French that the Memorandum of Agreement pre-dated the establishment of the AGSC. In response to Sessions' remarks, French circulated minutes of the initial meeting of the AGSC (July 14, 1994-copy attached-#3).</p>

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS	<p>Harrison introduced the following guests:</p> <p>Julie Irvin, Brandi Baker, and Jessica Griffin, University of Alabama representatives and coordinators from the Alabama College Transfer Advising Corp.</p> <p>Marcus Paramore, Government Relations Director, Troy University</p> <p>Richard Federinko, Senior Vice-Chancellor, Troy University</p>
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DECISION ITEMS

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director's MBO Plan for 2010-2011. Sessions presented the MBO Plan for 2010-2011. The Plan included questions/concerns from Sessions regarding the AGSC priorities (copy attached-#7). After some discussion, Morris moved to accept the MBO Plan with modifications to delete AGSC Priority #2 and Priority #6 will be modified to include STARS intent to continue to partner with the Alabama College Transfer Advising Corps. Nash seconded. Motion passed.

2009-2010 AGSC/STARS Annual Report. Morris moved that the AGSC accept the Annual Report as presented with amendments made to AGSC Priority #2 and #6. Jones seconded. Motion passed. A copy of the Annual Report is attached-#8

AGSC/STARS Budget. Nash moved that the AGSC support the STARS budget as presented. Duffy seconded. Motion passed. A copy of the budget with preliminary documents distributed prior to the meeting are attached-#6.

STARS Usage Reports. Nichols reported that the four-year usage reports title has been renamed to the Monthly Transfer Choice Report since this report is a tally of two-year students' first and second choice of which four-year institution they might attend. This gives the four-year institutions more information about the students they might expect in the future. Sessions stated that there are several ways to view the numbers from this report i.e., by major and by institution.

Nash requested that a note be added to all four-year usage reports. (NOTE: If you need monthly or annual usage reports for months or years prior to those listed below, please contact Mr. Shannon Nichols. In addition, if you need individualized reports for your institution, contact Shannon Nichols as well.)

The monthly usage reports are published on the STARS website as usual (copy attached-#4). Usage continues to grow.

Presentation: Alabama College Transfer Advising Corps. Moseley introduced Ms. Jessica Griffin, Program Coordinator for the Alabama College Transfer Advising Corps. The Corps receives grant money to place advisors in rural community colleges to assist students with transfer credit, scholarships, housing, etc. Moseley stated that the Corps is a great resource because they use the STARS system to counsel students, thus minimizing his travel for orientations.

Ms. Griffin explained how the program works and presented detailed information on the results of the program from last year. A copy of the powerpoint presentation is attached-#9.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEES

Academic Committee Course Recommendations. Sessions presented the following course proposal recommended for approval by the Area Ethnic Studies Academic Committee for the University of Alabama (copy attached-#5):

- UA - Introduction to African American Studies

Duffy moved for approval of the Academic Committee recommendation. Jones seconded. There was discussion regarding which area the program should be placed. Nash moved to amend the motion with conditional approval that if the institution does not wish the program be placed in Area IV, the course proposal comes back to the AGSC. Motion passed as amended.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE AGSC MEETINGS

January 12, 2011	10:00 a.m.	Harper's/Downtown Montgomery
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INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Emails regarding Schmidt appointment (Sessions)
2. Sessions response to 1st draft of July 29, 2010 Minutes (Sessions)
3. AGSC Minutes of July 14, 1994 (French)
4. STARS Usage Reports (Nichols)
5. AGSC/STARS Course Recommendations (Sessions)
6. AGSC/STARS Budget/including letter from Sessions (Sessions)
7. Executive Director's MBO Plan 2010-11 (Sessions)
8. 2009-2010 AGSC/STARS Annual Report (Sessions)
9. Powerpoint presentation: Alabama College Transfer Advising Corps (Griffin)

The October 15, 2010 meeting of the AGSC adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Keith Harrison, Vice-Chair

Deborah Nettles, Recording Secretary