

STATE OF ALABAMA
Articulation and General Studies Committee
University of Alabama
Alabama Institute for Manufacturing Excellence (AIME)
Building Room 213
August 11, 2011

MINUTES OF MEETING

Morning Session

The morning session of the Articulation and General Studies Committee (AGSC) was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Mark Nelson, Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost, welcomed everyone to the University of Alabama. He stated that the university has opened forty-one new buildings and renovated many others. The institution has grown from just under 19,000 students to almost 31,000. He thanked Committee members for the good work that is done through the AGSC and for the commitment to education and to the students and citizens of the state of Alabama.

Dr. Bennett announced that the bus tour of the campus will begin at 12:00 noon.

Members and guests present introduced themselves.

2010-2011 AGSC/STARS Annual Report. A copy of the working draft of the Annual Report was distributed to Committee members for review (copy attached-#1).

Sessions summarized the report which included an update of courses and templates being reviewed by the discipline committees.

There was discussion regarding the participation of the discipline committees and the number of four-year courses being reviewed. Sessions suggested that the AGSC eliminate four-year course approval and that the STARS office focus on two-year course and template review. A copy of the proposal is attached-#2.

After more discussion, the AGSC agreed that the four-year course listings should continue to be maintained. A subcommittee will be appointed to review Sessions' proposal and report back to the AGSC at the October meeting.

The AGSC recommended the following as 2011-2012 priorities:

1. Continue discussion of four-year course proposal review process.
2. Review SACS expectations and current requirements.
3. Update/revise STARS website.
4. Improve communication with discipline committee members.

The Annual Report will be sent to various constituencies throughout the state.

Moseley presented a non-scientific email survey of Troy University transfer students. The survey focused on 1,985 two-year students who transferred to Troy in the years 2009 and 2010. A copy of the survey results is attached-#3.

The morning session was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Business Session

Committee Members Present:

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| Dr. Barbara Jones | Alabama A&M University |
| Dr. Sharron Williams | Alabama State University |
| Dr. Constance Relihan | Auburn University |
| Dr. Jeff Barksdale, Alternate | Auburn University at Montgomery |
| Dr. Beth Bennett | University of Alabama |
| Dr. Charles Nash, Alternate | University of Alabama System |
| Dr. Keith Harrison, Chair | University of South Alabama |
| Dr. Victoria Rivizzigno, Alternate | University of South Alabama |
| Dr. Susan Price (Conference) | Department of Postsecondary Education |
| Dr. James Mitchell, Alternate | Wallace Community College-Selma |
| 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:

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

Committee Members Absent:

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| Dr. Lloyd Walker, Alternate | Alabama A&M University |
| Dr. Alfred Smith | Alabama State University |
| Dr. William Meehan | Jacksonville State University |

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| Dr. Richard Holland, Alternate | University of West Alabama |
| Dr. John Schmidt | Troy University |
| Dr. Terry Roberson, Alternate | University of Montevallo |

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| CALL TO ORDER | The regular meeting of the Articulation and General Studies Committee was called to order at 1:05 p.m. A quorum was determined by voice roll call of members present. |
| ADOPTION OF AGENDA | The agenda was adopted with the addition of discussion of the AGSC/STARS budget. |
| APPROVAL OF MINUTES | Bennett moved for the approval of the May 25, 2011 Minutes. Mitchell seconded. Minutes were approved. |
| RECOGNITIONS | Sessions announced the newest member of the AGSC: Dr. Constance Relihan, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies, Auburn University. Dr. James Mitchell, Wallace Community College Selma, was presented with an award for his service as Chair of the AGSC. |
| ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR | Henrich nominated Steele. Morris seconded. No other nominations were presented. Dr. Kandis Steele, Director of Academic Programs, ADPE was elected vice-chair and chair-elect of the AGSC. |

DECISION ITEMS

Executive Director's Report

AGSC/STARS Budget. Sessions presented the 2012 AGSC/STARS proposed budget, one with contingencies and one without (copy attached-#7).

After discussion, Bennett moved to recommend approval of the proposed budget with 3% contingencies. Relihan seconded. Motion passed.

STARS Usage Reports. Nichols reported that the usage reports can be found on the STARS website (copies of May and June, 2011 are attached-#4). Contact Shannon Nichols for requests of specific reports or new reports.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEES

Academic Committee Course Recommendations. Sessions presented the following interdisciplinary/honors/innovative course proposals recommended for approval by the Interdisciplinary/Honors/ Academic Committee (IHI) (copy attached-#5):

UNA - Global Perspectives through Study Abroad

The IHI Academic Committee recommended approval for Area IV. Bennett moved to accept. Relihan seconded. Motion passed.

AU - Honors Human Odyssey I

The IHI Academic Committee recommended approval for Area II. Relihan moved to accept. Bennett seconded. Motion passed.

AU - Honors Human Odyssey II

The IHI Academic Committee recommended approval for Area IV. Relihan moved to accept. Bennett seconded. Motion passed.

AU - Human Odyssey I

The IHI Academic Committee recommended approval for Area II. Bennett moved to accept. Relihan seconded. Motion passed.

AU - Human Odyssey II

The IHI Academic Committee recommended approval for Area IV. Pearson moved to accept. Jones seconded. Motion passed.

Ratification of Templates. Sessions presented the changes made by the engineering deans to the engineering templates (copies attached-#6).

There was discussion regarding the number of hours in Area V on the civil engineering template. Bennett moved to approve all engineering templates as revised with the exception of civil engineering. Sessions and Nash will seek clarification on courses listed in Area V on the civil engineering template.

Steele stressed concern that the two-year representatives are involved in the review of all templates.

Sessions Proposal on Course listings. Jones moved that a subcommittee be formed to consider the recommendation of the AGSC Executive Director to not continue the practice of approving the general studies courses from the four-year institutions. Bennett seconded. Motion passed. Subcommittee members are: Jones- Chair, Steele, Morris, Bennett, Sessions, Rivizzigno. A progress report will be presented at the October meeting.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE AGSC MEETINGS

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| October, 2011 | TBA | Alabama State University |
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INFORMATION ITEMS

1. AGSC/STARS Annual Report (Sessions)
2. Sessions Proposal on Course Listings (Sessions)
3. Troy Student Survey (Moseley)
4. STARS Usage Reports (Nichols)
5. AGSC/STARS Course Recommendations (Sessions)
6. Engineering Templates (Sessions)
7. AGSC/STARS Budget 2012 (Sessions)

The August 11, 2011 meeting of the AGSC adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Keith Harrison, Chair

Deborah Nettles, Recording Secretary