

STATE OF ALABAMA
Articulation and General Studies Committee
Department of Postsecondary Education
Presidents Conference Room
February 1, 2013

MINUTES OF MEETING

Committee Members Present:

Dr. Barbara Jones	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Sharron Herron Williams	Alabama State University
Dr. Constance Relihan	Auburn University
Mr. Daniel LaRocque, Alternate	Auburn University
Dr. Beth Bennett	University of Alabama
Dr. Charles Nash, Alternate	University of Alabama System
Dr. Keith Harrison	University of South Alabama
Dr. Victoria Rivizzigno, Alternate	University of South Alabama
Dr. William Meehan	Jacksonville State University
Dr. John Schmidt	Troy University
Dr. Mary Beth Armstrong, Alternate	University of Montevallo
Dr. Joe Morris	Jefferson State Community College
Dr. Bruce Crawford, Alternate	Lawson State Community College
Dr. Amelia Pearson, Alternate	Southern Union Community College

Ex-Officio Members:

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

Committee Members Absent:

Dr. Juarine Stewart, Alternate	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Alfred Smith, Alternate	Alabama State University
Dr. Gary Branch	Faulkner State Community College
Dr. Richard Holland, Alternate	University of West Alabama
Dr. James Mitchell, Alternate	Wallace State Community College-Selma
Dr. Mark Heinrich	Department of Postsecondary Education

Others Present: Ms. Barbara Ann Spears, ADPE; AGSC/STARS Staff: Mr. Shannon Nichols, Mr. Dendy Moseley, and Ms. Anita Walker

<p>CALL TO ORDER</p>	<p>The regular meeting of the Articulation and General Studies Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was determined by roll call of members present.</p> <p>Dr. Schmidt expressed his appreciation to Dr. Heinrich and the Department of Postsecondary Education for hosting the meeting. He also thanked Southern Union Community College for sponsoring lunch. He also congratulated Dr. Nash and the University of Alabama on being national champions.</p> <p>He thanked the members of the AGSC for their attendance, dedication, and leadership.</p> <p>He also congratulated Dr. William Meehan on his nomination as Delta Chi Alumnus of the Year.</p>
<p>AGSC CHAIR</p>	<p>Morris moved that Dr. John Schmidt serve as chair since Dr. Kandis Steele is no longer a member of the AGSC. Meehan seconded. Motion passed.</p>
<p>AGSC MEMBERSHIP</p>	<p>Dr. Suzanne Ozment, Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs, University of Montevallo, is the new regional representative appointed to the AGSC by the Council of Presidents. Appointment letter is attached-#5.</p> <p>Dr. Juarine Stewart, Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs & Undergraduate Studies, Alabama A&M University, is the new alternate representative for Alabama A&M University. Appointment letter is attached-#5.1.</p> <p>Dr. Bruce Crawford, Vice-President for Instructional Services, Lawson State Community College, is the new alternate representative for the Alabama College System. Appointment letter is attached-#5.2.</p>
<p>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</p>	<p>Meehan moved for adoption of the agenda. Rivizzigno seconded. Motion passed.</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p>	<p>Meehan moved for the approval of the October 5, 2012 minutes. Meehan seconded. Minutes were approved.</p>

DECISION ITEMS

Executive Director’s Report

STARS Usage Reports. Sessions distributed a trend line report that is now available on the STARS website. The report shows the STARS guides obtained by two-year students from 2010 to present. A copy is attached - #1. The STARS usage reports are still being sent to the four-year institutions. A copy of the September and October, 2012 usage reports are attached - #2.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEES

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

UAH Intensive Writing EH 100 There was discussion regarding the four (4) semester credit hours for the course in Area I. The committee was in agreement that the credit hours should be three (3) for acceptance at another institution. Relihan moved to table approval and return the course to UAH for further review of course hours and course numbering. Meehan seconded.

There was further discussion regarding course numbering (English 101 and 201) and the criteria set by the English discipline committee. The chair called for a vote on the motion to table. Five (5) voted no and three (3) yes. Motion to table failed.

Jones moved to deny approval of the course and send it back to UAH with an explanation for non-approval. Harrison seconded. The chair called for a vote on the motion to deny approval. Six (6) voted yes and none opposed. Motion to deny passed.

Ethics and Leadership LDR 201 - Marion Military Institute Sessions stated that this course is a re-submission to the Philosophy committee that was originally sent to the IHI committee with the title, Values and Ethics for Strategic Leaders. If approved by the AGSC, the course would appear in Area II on all guides as a possible selection from all two-year colleges who choose to offer it. The receiving institution would be required to accept the course as Humanities credit in Area II and award three (3) semester hours of transfer credit.

After lengthy discussion, Harrison moved to deny the course proposal. Meehan seconded. Motion passed.

Ratification of Templates. Sessions reported that there are new templates currently being reviewed. He stated that he and Dr. Nash are scheduled to meet on February 18, 2013, with A&M and Auburn representatives to work on the Agricultural templates. He plans to meet once a month with institutions to complete the process of developing a common template to replace the multiple institution specific templates that currently exist.

AGSC/STARS Budget 2012-2013. Sessions reported that revisions have been made to the 2012-13 AGSC/STARS budget to accurately reflect adjustments made on the ACHE Administrative fee, indirect costs, medical insurance, and retirement. A copy is attached-#4.

AGSC/STARS Budget 2013-2014. Schmidt stated that a letter of support from the Council of Presidents dated January 8, 2013 to restore the AGSC/STARS budget to \$500,000 was sent to Senator Pittman and Representative Jay Love and that Senator Holley and Representative Booth will also be contacted for support. A copy of the letter is attached-#4.1.

He stated that although the AGSC/STARS budget has been \$500,000 in the past, ACHE is only requesting \$412,000. He expressed his disappointment that ACHE has advocated a lesser amount. He then asked Dr. French to comment.

Dr. French explained that the Commission's budget request of \$412,000 for the AGSC pre-dated the letter of support from the Council of Presidents that requested \$500,000 for AGSC. The State Budget Office deadline for submitting the FY 2013-2014 Executive Budget was November 1, 2012. The Commission requested an increase of 10% for all state appropriated programs (including AGSC) under Support of Other Educational Activities and Support of State Universities appropriate units. The increase requested will return these programs to approximately the appropriated levels for fiscal year 2010-2011, prior to the 3% proration.

OTHER ISSUES

Transient Student Transfer. Dr. Harrison-USA asked for clarification on credit hours given to transient students. Sessions directed members to the STARS Frequently Asked Questions (page 22) which states that, "... if a student is considered transient and not a transfer student, approval of the four-year institution through their transient student process is applied."

After further discussion, Session will develop a statement to put on the Guide to clarify the transient student process and bring it back to the AGSC for review.

AGSC Membership. Sessions requested that the regional representatives consider replacing in-active AGSC members. Meehan agreed to take the issue to the Council of Presidents for discussion.

Athens State University. Sessions asked the AGSC for clarification on how Athens State University should be listed on the STARS website. There was some discussion and the AGSC decided that Athens should be listed as a regional university.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE AGSC MEETINGS

July, 2013	Faulkner State Community College-Gulf Shores
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INFORMATION ITEMS

1. STARS Usage Reports (Nichols/Sessions)
2. Trendline for STARS Guides Obtained by Two-Year Students (Sessions)
3. Academic Committee Course Recommendations (Sessions)
4. AGSC/STARS Revised Budget 2012-13 (Sessions)
5. AGSC Representative Appointment Letters (Sessions)

The February 1, 2013 meeting of the AGSC adjourned at 12:00 noon.

John Schmidt, Chair

Deborah Nettles, Recording Secretary