

**State of Alabama
 Articulation and General Studies Committee
 University of Alabama/Child Development Research Center
 April 21, 2016
 10:00AM**

MINUTES OF MEETING

Committee Members Present:

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| Dr. Bruce Crawford, AGSC Chair | Lawson State Community College |
| Dr. Barbara A.P. Jones | Alabama A & M University |
| Dr. Juarine Stewart, Alternate | Alabama A & M University |
| Dr. Charles Israel, Alternate | Auburn University System |
| Dr. Marsha Adams | University of Alabama System |
| Dr. Charles Nash, Alternate | University of Alabama System |
| Dr. Mary Angela Coleman | University of South Alabama |
| Dr. Hal Fulmer | Troy University |
| Dr. Ken Tucker | University of West Alabama |
| Dr. Suzanne Ozment, Alternate/AGSC Vice-Chair | University of Montevallo |
| Dr. Herbert Riedel | Lurleen B. Wallace Community College |

Ex-Officio Members:

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| Dr. Keith Sessions, Executive Director | AGSC/STARS |
| Mrs. Anita Brown, Executive Secretary | AGSC/STARS |

Committee Members Absent:

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| Dr. Sharron Herron-Williams | Alabama State University |
| Dr. Constance Relihan | Auburn University System |
| Dr. Eric Loomis, Alternate | University of South Alabama |
| Dr. Patricia Sims, Alternate | Athens State University |
| Dr. Gary Branch | Faulkner State Community College |
| Dr. Mark Heinrich, Alternate | Alabama Community College System |
| Dr. James Mitchell, Alternate | Wallace State Community College |
| Dr. Amelia Pearson, Alternate | Central Alabama Community College |

Others Present:

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| Dr. April Kendrick | University of Alabama |
| Mary Boehm, Presenter | A+ College Ready |
| Diane Sherman, Presenter | Alabama Commission On Higher Education |
| Dr. Donald Crump | Retired/Consultant |
| Dr. Joe Morris | Retired Jefferson State Community College |
| Dr. Yardley Bailey | University of Alabama System |
| Dr. Steve Katsinas | Consultant, UA Education Policy Center |
| Nathanial Bray | Consulting Team Member |
| John Roberts | Consulting Team Member |
| Dr. Mark Fincher | Consultant, Mississippi State University |
| Stephanie Linard | University of Alabama Registrar's Office |

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| CALL TO ORDER | 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. |
| ADOPTION OF AGENDA | Dr. Adams moved for adoption of the agenda. Dr. Israel second. The agenda was adopted. |
| WELCOME | Dr. Crawford welcomed the Articulation Committee members and guests. Dr. Sessions gave brief details regarding Shannon Nichols absence due to his father passing. There were several guests present and all were recognized via round the table introductions. Dr. Nash introduced Ms. April Kendrick, Director of the Child Development Resources Center, University of Alabama and the host of the meeting location. Ms. Kendrick spoke briefly expressing a warm welcome to the facility and a brief background of the Center and its purpose. |
| APPROVAL OF MINUTES | Dr. Jones moved for approval of the minutes. Dr. Fulmer seconded. The minutes were approved. |
| MEMBERSHIP UPDATES | Dr. Heinrich will be announcing a new two-year member. There was discussion regarding Dr. Ozment's membership status as member or alternate. Dr. Sessions will follow-up with clarification at the next meeting. |

DECISION ITEMS

Executive Director's Report

STARS/AGSC Budget Update. Dr. Sessions briefly reviewed the AGSC/STARS 2016-17 budget and expects to have more information from Mr. Marcus Paramore regarding conditional funding at the next meeting. In addition, the STARS Office will send more letters and brochures to the Governor and State Legislators in support of additional funding.

Based on the recommendations and findings of the Evaluation report, Dr. Crawford recommended that a four-year budget strategy be developed for the STARS/AGSC budget.

STARS Usage Reports

Dr. Sessions covered these reports as posted on the web in Mr. Nichols' absence. He gave a brief explanation of the data reflected on the usage reports. He also stated the new website has cleaned up the STARS data and gives a better account of how the students are using the system. He also stated the data is more targeted and can be used as a recruiting tool to follow-up with students who have printed a guide for a specific program.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEES

Academic Committee Course Recommendations. Dr. Sessions gave a brief explanation of how courses are received and distributed to the appropriate Discipline Committee, and how votes are calculated. He also explained the process of the appointment of committee members and the guidelines that are used for approval of courses and/or templates.

The following courses were recommended for approval:

PS 251 – Global Politics and Society, University of North Alabama (tabled from last meeting)

Dr. Sessions provided copies of the Course Proposal with the syllabus attached which included the course objectives as recommended by the AGSC at the last meeting. Dr. Fulmer moved to accept. Dr. Riedel seconded. Dr. Jones expressed concerns that the objectives of the course needed more clarification. Motion passed, with one no vote.

ES 247 – Sustainable Earth, University of North Alabama

Dr. Israel moved to accept. Dr. Adams seconded. Motion passed.

ES 251 – Environmental Systems, University of North Alabama

Dr. Tucker moved to accept. Dr. Riedel seconded. Motion passed.

COUN 2000 Living and Communicating in a Diverse Society, Auburn University

Dr. Israel moved to accept. Dr. Adams seconded. Motion passed.

Ratification of Templates. Dr. Sessions stated there are no new templates to present at this time. He is meeting with the technology group soon, and is expecting good progress at that meeting.

EVALUATION PROJECT

Dr. Sessions gave a brief history of Dr. Don Crump's career, the first evaluation project conducted by Dr. Crump, and appreciation for his leadership. Dr. Crump spoke briefly as to how the AGSC was started, the primary purpose to aid in transferable courses, and how an evaluation could improve and advance the AGSC/STARS Program.

Dr. Sessions introduced Dr. Katsinas, AGSC/STARS Evaluation Project Coordinator. Dr. Katsinas introduced his team and briefly reviewed how their research will be used to improve the STARS Program. He stated that some elements of the evaluation will include interviews with government

officials, educational administrators, faculty, and students. On-site meetings will also be conducted at four of five locations throughout the state. The team will also review usage data, publicity and promotional information, and budget data that will be provided by STARS Staff. The team, with the help of Shannon Nichols will be looking into making the program available via smart devices.

Dr. Fincher, Consultant, Mississippi State briefly spoke regarding the value of the AGSC/STARS Program. There was discussion regarding working with the American Independent Education Association.

Dr. Sessions expressed appreciation to Dr. Katsinas and his team for going above and beyond on this project.

REVERSE TRANSFER

Mrs. Sherman provided the committee with a brief overview of community colleges reporting completed reverse transfer, 30 reported last year and 29 this year. There was general discussion regarding reverse transfer and how the National Student Clearinghouse will be handling this process within their system.

Dr. Sessions provided an article he had previously sent out to the AGSC Members regarding Tennessee's Reverse Transfer Article. He gave a brief overview of the article's content, stating Tennessee is using an all-electronic system.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SURVEY

Mrs. Sherman gave a brief presentation during lunch break regarding Advance Placement Survey results. She provided handouts with statistics and gave an overview.

Ms. Boehm was introduced and gave a brief presentation regarding A+ College Ready Program.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE AGSC MEETINGS

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| July, 2016 | TBA |
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The April 21, 2016 meeting of the AGSC adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Budget Update (Keith Sessions)
2. Stars Usage Reports (Shannon Nichols/Keith Sessions)
3. Course Recommendations (Keith Sessions)
4. Advance Placement in Alabama (Dianne Sherman)
5. Reverse Transfer (Dianne Sherman)
6. Reverse Transfer Article – Update on Tennessee's Program – ACADEMY ONE (Keith Sessions)

Bruce Crawford, Chair

Anita J. Brown, Recording Secretary