

State of Alabama
Articulation and General Studies Committee
Lawson State Community College/ACATT Executive Board Room
January 29, 2016
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Committee Members Present:

Dr. Bruce Crawford, Chair	Lawson State Community College
Dr. Sharron Herron-Williams	Alabama State University
Dr. Barbara Jones	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Constance Relihan	Auburn University
Dr. Charles Israel, Alternate	Auburn University
Dr. Marsha Adams	University of Alabama in Huntsville
Dr. Charles Nash, Alternate	University of Alabama System
Dr. Angela Coleman	University of South Alabama
Dr. Hal Fulmer	Troy University
Dr. Ken Tucker	University of West Alabama
Dr. Patricia Sims, Alternate	Athens State University
Dr. Amelia Pearson, Alternate	Central Alabama Community College
Dr. Herbert Riedel	Lurleen B. Wallace Community College

Ex-Officio Members:

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

Committee Members Absent:

Dr. Suzanne Ozment, Vice-Chair	University of Montevallo
Dr. Gary Branch	Faulkner State Community College
Dr. Mark Heinrich, Alternate	Alabama Community College System
Dr. James Mitchell, Alternate	Wallace Community College Selma
Gen. Paul Hankins, Ex-Officio	Alabama Independent Colleges

Others Present:

Dr. Yardley Bailey	University of Alabama System
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Mr. Jake Warner	University of Alabama/Ed Policy Center
Mr. Mike Malley	University of Alabama/Ed Policy Center
Mr. John Roberts	University of Alabama/Ed Policy Center
Dr. Steve Katsinas	University of Alabama/Ed Policy Center
Mr. Nathaniel Bray	University of Alabama/Ed Policy Center
Dr. Joseph Talmadge	

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. Fulmer moved for the adoption of the agenda. Dr. Coleman seconded. The agenda was adopted.
WELCOME	Dr. Crawford welcomed the Articulation Committee to the Lawson State Community College campus.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Dr. Relihan moved for the approval of the September 22, 2015 minutes. Dr. Fulmer seconded. Minutes were approved.
RECOGNITION OF GUESTS	Dr. Sessions introduced his father, Dr. Joseph Talmadge, who was a member of the Articulation task force in 1985. He also shared the names of committee members who compiled the Report of the Articulation Task Force and read an excerpt from the conclusion of the Report. A copy of the report is attached-#3.
MEMBERSHIP UPDATES	Dr. Sessions informed the Committee that Dr. Witt, University of Alabama System/Chair of the Council of Presidents has made the following appointments to the regional representatives: Dr. Ken Tucker, President, University of West Alabama and Dr. Patricia Sims, Dean of the School of Education, Athens State University.

DECISION ITEMS

Executive Director's Report

AGSC Budget Update. Dr. Sessions informed the Committee that the Executive Budget Request for FY 2016-17 approved by ACHE at its December 2015 meeting proposed \$393,348 for AGSC/STARS.

He stated that the STARS staff has distributed AGSC brochures to each legislator in addition to the Alabama Community College System legislative liaisons and asked this group to assist in the passing of the budget. Dr. Heinrich has pledged his support. Dr. Nash has been in contact with Representative Poole and others in soliciting support. Copies of the brochures will be sent to AGSC members to distribute to others as appropriate.

STARS Usage Reports. Mr. Nichols reported that the official numbers are down a little for the month of December. He stated that this is not unusual due to students having Christmas breaks, traveling home, etc. Usage is always higher in January, July and August, however; the unofficial guides usage remained the same.

The usage reports are available on the website and specific reports can be requested at any time. Copies of usage reports for September through December, 2015 are attached-#1.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEES

Academic Committee Course Recommendations. Dr. Session presented the following course proposals recommended for approval by Academic Committees (copies attached #2):

ART 131-Art Appreciation-ASU

The Art and History Committee recommended approval for Area II. Coleman moved to accept. Relihan seconded. Motion passed.

Art 135-Introduction to Art-ASU

The Art and History Committee recommended approval for Area II. Fulmer moved to accept. Coleman seconded. Motion passed.

ES 247-Sustainable Earth-UNA

The Geology and Earth Science Committee recommended approval for Area III. After discussion, Relihan moved that the course be tabled and sent back to the Academic Committee for a more detailed description of the course objectives. Jones seconded. Motion passed.

ES 251-Environmental Systems-UNA

The Geology and Earth Science Committee recommended approval for Area III. After discussion, Adams moved that the course be tabled and sent back to the Academic Committee for a more detailed description of the course objectives. Fulmer seconded. Motion passed.

PHL 250-Business Ethics-UNA

The Philosophy and Religious Studies Committee recommended approval for Area II. Fulmer moved to accept. Adams seconded. Motion passed.

PS 251-Global Politics and Society-UNA

The Political Science Committee recommended approval for Area IV. After discussion, Adams moved that the course be tabled and sent back to the Academic Committee for a more detailed description of the course objectives. Jones seconded. Motion passed.

AGSC/STARS Evaluation Project Update. Dr. Steve Katsinas, UA Education Policy Center, updated the AGSC on the progress of the evaluation.

There was discussion regarding the timeframe for the completion of the Evaluation Report and scheduled payments to the consultants (University of Alabama Policy Center). AGSC Committee members decided that the timeline for submission of a final report from the consultants would be: Final

Draft of the Report: May 30, 2016. Final Draft submitted to the AGSC Evaluation Subcommittee for review: June, 2016. Final report and presentation to the AGSC at the July, 2016 planning meeting.

OTHER

Dr. Angela Coleman, USA, commended Dr. Sessions and the STARS office for the training on STARS that was provided to the University of South Alabama.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE AGSC MEETINGS

April 21, 2016	University of Alabama
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INFORMATION ITEMS

1. STARS Usage Reports (Sessions/Nichols)
2. Course Recommendations (Sessions)
3. Report of the Articulation Task Force 1985

The January 29, 2016 meeting of the AGSC adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Bruce Crawford, Chair

Deborah Nettles, Recording Secretary