

STATE OF ALABAMA
Articulation and General Studies Committee
Troy University Montgomery Campus / Civic Room

MINUTES OF MEETING
February 23, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

Dr. Herbert Riedel, Chair	L.B. Wallace Community College
Dr. Pamela Arrington	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Constance Relihan, Vice-chair	Auburn University
Dr. Luoheng Han	University of Alabama
Dr. Charles Nash, Alternate	University of Alabama System
Dr. Hal Fulmer	Troy University
Dr. Tim Edwards	University of West Alabama
Dr. David Campbell, Alternate	Northeast Alabama Community College
Dr. Ken Kitts	University of North Alabama

Ex-Officio Members:

Dr. Keith Sessions, Executive Director	AGSC/STARS
Mr. Shannon Nichols	AGSC/STARS
Dr. Elizabeth C. French	ACHE

Committee Members Absent:

Dr. Bruce Crawford	Lawson State Community College
Dr. Annette Cederholm, Alternate	Snead State Community College
Dr. Russ Rothamer, Alternate	Alabama Community College System
Dr. Anthony Overton	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Leon Wilson	Alabama State University
Dr. Jacqueline Trimble, Alternate	Alabama State University
Dr. Charles Israel, Alternate	Auburn University
Dr. Eric Loomis, Alternate	University of South Alabama
Dr. Mary Coleman	University of South Alabama
Dr. Patricia Simms, Alternate	Athens State University
Dr. James Mitchell, Alternate	Wallace Community College-Selma

Others Present: Emily Libby-UAB/NCTC; Cierra Juett –AUM/ACHE Intern; Lisa Williams-JSU.

CALL TO ORDER:	The Articulation and General Studies Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. There was no quorum of members present. Dr. Fulmer welcomed members and guests to the Troy Montgomery campus.
NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBERS:	Dr. Sessions announced new appointments from the four-year institutions: Dr. Leon Wilson, Provost and VP for Academic Affairs, Alabama State University and Dr. Jacqueline Trimble, Professor/Chair, Department of Languages and Literature, Alabama State University, Alternate. Dr. Luoheng Han, Associate VP for Academic Affairs, University of Alabama will replace Dr. Marsha Adams.

PRESENTATION: Dr. Michael Falk, Founder and CEO of Learning Lifetime PBC/National College Transfer Center shared ideas on increased degree completion among transfer students. The National College Transfer Center is an independent, nonprofit organization formed by Learning Lifetime PBC, to be governed by the higher education transfer ecosystem as a vehicle to engage the higher education community, industry, government and local communities in a common, coordinated effort to increase credit award transparency in the transfer process. He gave a power point presentation explaining the concept. A copy of the presentation is attached-#1.

Report from Executive Director: Dr. Sessions provided the AGSC members with a written report of activities. A copy is attached -#2.

Updates on AGSC/STARS Goals & Priorities 2016-17

The following actions were taken on AGSC/STARS goals and priorities for 2016-17:

1. *Goal A. Refine the protocols for resolution of student complaints and develop a process for presenting findings to the AGSC periodically as information items. See Executive Director’s Report Student Complaint/Issues (attachment-#2).*
2. *Goal B. Implement opportunities for student engagement*

Campus visits were made and scheduled to several institutions and AGSC/STARS promotional material was distributed. *See Executive Director’s Report for a listing of campus visits and presentations (attachment-#2).*

3. *Goal C. Improve STARS web-based services on mobile platforms*

The STARS staff is continuing work on the new web design for the STARS “GET THE GUIDE” section of the website. The goal is to have the site mobile friendly

by early 2018. The staff is also trying to make the site work for users with disabilities and special needs. See *Executive Director's Report* (attachment-#2).

4. *Goal D. Address Area V Concerns*
Subcommittee (Relihan-Chair, Coleman, Fulmer, Williams)

Dr. Relihan reported that Auburn has started work on converting information to the Area V standardized template approved by the AGSC at the October, 2017 meeting. She stated that the process has unveiled several issues that need to be corrected. She stated that it will be challenging to have the new Area V template up and running by this summer.

5. *Goal E. Evaluate the current structure of the General Studies Academic Committees and the Pre-Professional Academic Committees to make recommendations for improvement.*
Subcommittee (Riedel, Coleman, Adams, Sessions)

Dr. Sessions reported that the Business Academic Committee is working on revisions to the Business template. The Math Discipline Committee met to discuss the math sequence for Elementary Education majors.

STARS Operations

Usage Reports. Mr. Nichols reported that four choices have been added to the unofficial guide in order to collect data on how many students, parents, and advisors are shopping the web. He also stated that at the October 2017 meeting, the Points of Contacts requested that a choice be added to the official guide to collect data on the term of anticipated transfer of a student.

The STARS Usage Reports are available on the STARS website. Any special reports can be requested through the STARS office. Copies of October, November, December, 2017 and January 2018 reports are attached-#3.

AGSC Subcommittee Reports

Planning Committee on Statewide Conference on Transfer & Student Success. Dr. Arrington reported that the subcommittee (Arrington, Crawford, Simms, Session) conducted a conference call on December 12, 2017. The Statewide Conference on Transfer & Student Success will be held at Lawson State Community College on March 6-8, 2019. Concurrent sessions are tentatively planned but speakers have not been confirmed. A copy of the subcommittee's report is attached-#4.

OTHER ISSUES

Dr. Riedel commented that the Points of Contacts meeting was a success. There were new members that found the meeting informative.

He stated that the Math Discipline Committee met and there was discussion regarding the fact that the math requirement on most templates is pre-calculus, college algebra, and discrete math. Some faculty members agreed that what is on the current template meets the intended purpose. However, Dr. Riedel stated that the two-year system will be reviewing math to see if there is a way to re-purpose it so that it is in line with the national movement towards pathways in math.

Dr. Fulmer requested that the Strategic Planning Committee look at ways to ensure that the AGSC has a quorum at future meetings.

The current AGSC subcommittees are:

Area V Subcommittee: Relihan-Chair, Coleman, Fulmer, Loomis, Sessions

Discipline Committees (including Pre-Professional) Subcommittee: Adams-Chair, Coleman, Israel, Riedel, Sessions

Strategic and Operational Planning Subcommittee: Reidel, Relihan, Crawford, Rothamer, and French.

Planning Committee for Statewide Conference on Transfer and Student Success: Arrington-Chair, Crawford, Simms, Sessions

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE AGSC MEETINGS

July 12-13, 2018

Florence-UNA

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Power Point National College Transfer Center (Michael Falk-Learning Lifetime)
2. Executive Director's Report (Sessions)
3. STARS Usage Reports (Nichols)
4. Statewide Conference on Transfer & Student Success Report (Arrington)

The February 23, 2018 meeting of the AGSC adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Herbert Riedel, Chair

Deborah Nettles, Recording Secretary