# STATE OF ALABAMA Articulation and General Studies Committee

University of Alabama – Child Development research Center July 11-12, 2019

# MINUTES OF MEETING Annual Review and Planning Session July 11, 2019 - 1:00 PM

The planning session of the Articulation and General Studies Committee (AGSC) was called to order by Dr. Herbert Riedel at 1:05 p.m.

Dr. Herbert Riedel welcomed members and guests to the meeting. He also announced his retirement as President from Lurleen B. Wallace Community College. Dr. Luoheng Han welcomed the members and guests to the University of Alabama campus.

The Committee took a ten minute break. The meeting reconvened at 1:40 p.m.

Dr. Riedel suggested Jacinta Whitehurst call the roll to have a record of members present even though no voting would take place at this planning meeting.

Members present: Dr. Pamela Arrington, Dr. Luoheng Han, Dr. Charles Nash, Dr. Megan Good, Dr. Jacqueline Trimble, Dr. Mary Coleman, Dr. Lisa Williams, Dr. Tim Edwards, Dr. Bruce Crawford, Dr. Annette Cenderholm, Dr. Herbert Riedel and Dr. Bradley Fricks. STARS staff: Dr. Keith Sessions, Mr. Shannon Nichols. ACHE staff: Dr. Robin McGill and Mrs. Jacinta Whitehurst.

Others present: Cary Curtiss-AU, Yardley Bailey-UA System, and Kristi Acker-UA.

<u>Draft of 2018-2019 Annual Report</u>. Dr. Keith Sessions presented an overview of the draft of the 2018-2019 Annual Report. He also thanked Dr. Riedel for his service and leadership for the last two years as Chair of the Articulation and General Service Committee. *A copy of the 2018-2019 Annual Report is available by request.* 

Dr. Keith Sessions asked the committee for suggestions for the goals and priorities to focus on in the upcoming 2019-2020 year. The committee suggested to carryover four (4) priorities from 2018-2019 year which were:

- To continue to improve the AGSC/STARS website.
- To prepare and plan for the "ACHIEVE" Transfer Student Success Conference.
- To create various AGSC/STARS training videos.
- To work with AREA II Committee to review current math courses offerings.

There were other suggestions made for goals and priorities for 2019-2020 year, they were as follows:

- To look at how professional programs fit.
- General Education criteria.
- To look into adding notes or special exemptions to guides.
- Increase usage.
- Performance metrics and indicators.
- AP Scores.
- CLEP.

Dr. Keith Sessions summarized the current budget and the 2019-20 AGSC/STARS proposed budget. A copy of the 2018-2019 Budget is available by request.

Dr. Keith Sessions recognized Dr. Herbert Riedel for serving as the AGSC/STARS Chair for the past two years and thanked him for his service. He also introduced Dr. Mary Angela Coleman (USA) as the new AGSC/STARS Chair for 2019-2020.

Keith Sessions also asked the two year committee members to discuss and recommend a member to serve as Vice-Chair for 2019-2020.

The Annual Review and Planning Session was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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# MINUTES OF MEETING Business Session July 12, 2019 - 9:00 a.m.

#### **Committee Members Present:**

Dr. Mary Coleman, Chair
Dr. Herbert Riedel
University of South Alabama
L.B. Wallace Community College

Dr. Pamela Arrington Alabama A&M University
Dr. Jacqueline Trimble, Alternate Alabama State University

Dr. Megan Good Auburn University
Dr. Luoheng Han University of Alabama

Dr. Charles Nash, Alternate
Dr. Lisa Williams, Alternate
Dr. Tim Edwards, Alternate
University of Alabama System
Jacksonville State University
University of West Alabama

Dr. Bruce Crawford
Dr. Annette Cederholm, Alternate
Dr. Bradley Fricks, Alternate
Lawson State Community College
Snead State Community College
Alabama Community College System

**Ex-Officio Members:** 

Dr. Keith Sessions, Executive Director AGSC/STARS Mr. Shannon Nichols AGSC/STARS

Dr. Robin McGill ACHE

#### **Committee Members Absent:**

Dr. Wubishet Tadesse
Dr. Leon Wilson
Alabama A&M University
Alabama State University
Dr. Eric Loomis
University of South Alabama

Dr. Charles Israel Auburn University

Dr. Ken Kitts University of North Alabama

Dr. Hal Fulmer Troy University

Mr. Matt Rodgers Enterprise State Community College
Dr. David Campbell Northeast Alabama Community College

Others Present: Yardley Bailey-UA System; Kristi Acher-UA; Cary Curtiss-AU;

**CALL TO ORDER**: The business session of the Articulation and General

Studies Committee was called to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was determined by roll call of members

present.

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Dr. Riedel moved for the adoption of the agenda with one modification to add a UA presentation on Alabama transfer presented by Brandi Stacey and Mike Malley. Dr. Arrington seconded. The agenda was adopted.

**Approval of AGSC/STARS Goals and Priorities 2019-2020**. The following goals and priorities were approved:

#### **AGSC Office Priorities**

- 1. Website Redesign and Update
- 2. Training Video
- 3. Review and improve communication on templates for professional programs
- 4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Achieve Conference/ Sessions, Nash, Marbury, Acker, Stacey, Riedel, Arrington, and Williams

#### AGSC Committee Priorities/Sub-committees

- 1. Analysis of the General Education Core Curriculum and Development of New Math Pathways/ Coleman, Good, Sessions, Arrington, Trimble, Han, McGill, and Fricks
- 2. AP Credit/ Israel, Han, Cedarholm, Edwards, Nash, and Arrington
- 3. Performance metrics/Usage reports/ McGill, Sessions, Nichols, Coleman, Crawford, Good, Han and Nash.

**ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR:** Crawford motioned to move Cedarholm to a voting

member for ACCS and Rodgers to an alternate

member. Arrington seconded. Motion carried.

Crawford moved to nominate Cedarholm as AGSC Vice-Chair/Chair Elect for 2019-20. Riedel seconded. There were no other nominations. Motion carried.

MEMBER UPDATES: Mrs. Jacinta Whitehurst (ACHE) will replace Mrs.

Deborah Nettles. Dr. Robin McGill (ACHE) will replace Dr. Lenny Lock. Dr. Fricks (ACCS) will replace Dr. Edith

Smith.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**: Trimble moved for the approval of the January 31, 2019

minutes. Good seconded. Minutes were approved.

Alabama Transfer Project Update: Brandi Stacey gave an overview of the project, which originated from the 2016 AGSC/STARS evaluations and recommendations. The project will explore how to make transfer information more mobile-friendly and accessible to students. The Education Policy Center at UA was tasked to look at how to improve transfers at UA and statewide. Mike Malley added that by using the STARS current platform, the transfer project would experiment with different technological solutions, diversifying student body and streamlining the system. Currently, they have four pilot sites which are Bevill State, Shelton State, Jefferson State, and Lawson State.

**Review and Adoption of FY2018-2019 Annual Report**. The annual report was presented and discussed at the planning session with the following recommendations from the AGSC: It was agreed that some editorial changes should be made to the report. A copy of the 2018-2019 Annual Report is available by request.

Edwards moved to approve the annual report pending minor revisions and editorial changes. Crawford seconded. Motion passed.

**Approval of FY2019-2020 AGSC/STARS Budget**. The budget was presented and discussed at the planning session with the following recommendations from the AGSC: It was agreed that a second look should be taken at the line item for employee benefits and computer software. *A copy of the 2018-2019 Budget is available by request.* 

Good moved to approve the budget with the recommendation that if there is a significant change to the budget an amendment would be needed. Cedarholm seconded. Motion passed.

**STARS Usage Reports.** Mr. Nichols presented and discussed the annual usage reports (July 2018-June 2019) at the planning session. Annual usage reports for Transfer Guide Requests, STARS System Usage, and Administrative/Unofficial STARS Guide Usage were also discussed. *A copy of the Annual Usage Reports are available by request.* 

**Approval of Course Recommendations.** Sessions presented the following course proposals recommended for approval:

#### **Area I & II Academic Committee**

UWA- JP 101 – Intro to Japanese I (3 SH) UWA- JP 102 – Intro to Japanese II (3 SH)

Han moved to accept the Academic Committee's recommendation. Cederhom seconded. Motion passed.

#### **Area III Academic Committee**

#### **UWA- MH-105 Finite Mathematics (3 SH)**

Crawford moved to accept the Academic Committee's recommendation. Han seconded. Motion passed.

## UWA- MH 213 - Linear Algebra (3 SH)

Riedel moved to accept the Academic Committee's recommendation. Cederhom seconded. Motion passed.

## UWA- MH 224 - App. Differential Equations (3 SH)

Arrington moved to accept the Academic Committee's recommendation. Crawford seconded. Motion passed.

#### **Area IV Academic Committee**

## UWA- AN-110 Intro to Archaeology (3 SH)

Han moved to accept the Academic Committee's recommendation. Cederholm seconded. Motion passed.

# UWA- AN 200 - Cultural Anthropology (3 SH)

Good moved to accept the Academic Committee's recommendation. Arrington seconded. Motion passed.

**Ratification of Templates.** Sessions presented the following institution specific templates for ratification as recommended by the Chief Academic Officers (copies are available upon request):

## Aviation Management - AU Only

The CIP code for this program should be 49.0104 and it needs to be updated on the template. Han moved for approval of the template contingent upon the feedback of the Chief Academic Officers. Trimble seconded. Motion passed.

#### Biological & Agricultural Technology Management – AU Only

Trimble moved for approval of the template. Arrington seconded. Motion passed.

#### Professional Flight- AU Only

Cederholm moved for approval of the template. Trimble seconded. Motion passed.

# Wireless Engineering - AU Only

Cederholm moved for approval of the template. Han seconded. Motion passed.

#### <u>Agricultural Communications – AU Only</u>

After some discussion regarding the Area III math requirement, Riedel moved to table template ratification pending institution clarification and justification for the math requirement MAT 113. Dr. Crawford seconded. Good opposed. Motion passed.

# Engineering- Software - AU Only

After some discussion regarding whether the CIP code for Software Engineering accurately reflects its CIP description, Good moved for approval of the template as presented contingent upon the feedback of the Chief Academic Officers. Dr. Crawford seconded. Motion passed.

Proposal to change AGSC General Guidelines for Written Composition I & II. Dr. Session discussed the current requirements for the number of compositions or assignments needed for this course. The proposal will change the number of compositions or assignments from a minimum of 6 to 4. A copy of the proposal is available upon request.

Edwards moved to approve the recommendation to change the policy from a minimum of 6 to 4. Riedel seconded. Motion passed.

Follow-Up Discussion: Possible Elimination of History/Literature Sequence Requirement in Area II and IV. Dr. Sessions followed up a discussion from last summer in regards to a request to count economics in the social science sequence instead of history. He also suggested that this discussion be vetted through the subcommittee created to review the General Education core. Dr. Coleman mentioned a suggestion by Dr. Fulmer to possibly have a public comment period. Edwards moved to table pending a subcommittee review and a public comment period Dr. Crawford seconded. Motion passed.

# Alabama Community College System-Initiatives Update, Achieve Conference 2019 Review, and Achieve Conference 2020 Update.

Cederholm moved to table the ACCS System Initiatives update to the fall meeting and to eliminate the Achieve Conference review and update. Han seconded. Motion passed.

#### SCHEDULE OF FUTURE AGSC MEETINGS

October 2019 1:00 pm TBA/Montgomery

The July 11-12, 2019 meeting of the AGSC adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Mary Angela Coleman, Chair

Jacinta Whitehurst, Recording Secretary

