

STATE OF ALABAMA
Articulation and General Studies Committee

Virtual Zoom Meeting

April 28, 2021

2:00 PM

MINUTES OF MEETING

Committee Members Present:

Dr. Pamela Arrington, Chair	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Wubishet Tadesse, Alternate	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Tanjula Petty	Alabama State University
Dr. Kathleen Amende, Alternate	Alabama State University
Dr. Megan Good	Auburn University
Dr. Charles Israel, Alternate	Auburn University
Dr. Eva Lewis	University of Alabama
Dr. Tonjanita Johnson, Alternate	University of Alabama System
Dr. Ken Kitts	University of North Alabama
Dr. Hal Fulmer	Troy University
Dr. Tim Edwards, Alternate	University of West Alabama
Ms. Mary-Beth Lancaster	
Ms. Jackie Screws, Alternate	Chattahoochee Valley Community College
Dr. Bruce Crawford	Lawson State Community College
Dr. David Campbell	Northeast Alabama Community College
Dr. Bradley Fricks, Alternate	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. Mary Coleman	University of South Alabama
Dr. Eric Loomis, Alternate	University of South Alabama
Dr. Lisa Williams, Alternate	Jacksonville State University
Ms. Leslie Reeder, Alternate	Wallace Community College -Dothan

Others Present: Brandi Stacey, Dr. Jennifer English and Dr. Kim LaFevor.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Articulation and General Studies Committee was called to order at 2:02 p.m. A quorum was determined by roll call of members present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Dr. Good moved for the adoption of the agenda. Dr. Edwards seconded. The agenda was adopted.

INTRODUCTIONS OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUEST:

Dr. Sessions introduced Ms. Mary Beth Lancaster, Dean of Instruction at Coastal Alabama Community College who will be replacing Dr. Cederholm as a voting member of the committee and Dr. Kathaleen Amende, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences who will be replacing Dr. Trimble as the alternate voting member for Alabama State University. Dr. Arrington welcomed two guests to the meeting, Dr. Jennifer English and Dr. Kim LaFavor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Dr. Good moved for the approval of the October 20, 2020 minutes. Dr. Edwards seconded. Minutes were approved.

Nomination and Election of Vice-Chair (Two-Year Member):

The Alabama Community College System committee members nominated Dr. Bruce Crawford to be the Vice-Chair (Two-Year Member) of the AGSC committee. Dr. Petty moved to nominate Dr. Crawford as AGSC Vice-Chair. Ms. Screws seconded. There were no other nominations. Motion carried.

Course Approvals. No course approvals at this time.

Templates for Ratification. Dr. Sessions presented the following institution specific templates for ratification:

Genetics/Genomic Science - AU and UAB

After some discussion to add PHY 213 to Area V as an option, the committee has decided to ask the Ad Hoc Committee to consider the request and if they agree, this template will be brought back with the changes at the next meeting. Dr. Good moved for approval as submitted. Dr. Edwards seconded. Motion passed.

Engineering-Aerospace - AU, UA and UAH

Engineering-Architectural - UA

Engineering-Biomedical - ASU and UAB

Engineering-Biosystems - AU

Engineering-Chemical - AU, UA, UAH and USA

Engineering-Civil - AAMU, AU, UA, UAB, UAH, and USA

Engineering - Computer Eng. - AU, UA, UAB, UAH and USA

Engineering - Construction - UA

Engineering - Cybersecurity- UAH

Engineering - Electrical- AAMU, AU, UA, UAB, UAH and USA

Engineering- Environmental - UA

Engineering- Industrial & Systems - AU, UA, and UAH

Engineering- Materials - AU, UA and UAB

Engineering- Mechanical - AAMU, AU, UAB, UAH and USA

Engineering- Software- AU

Engineering- Wireless- AU

Dr. Good moved for approval of all the Engineering templates submitted. Dr. Edwards seconded. Motion passed.

Business- All Majors

After some discussion on the request for students who plan to major in Business to have an option to complete a sequence in Economics in Area IV instead of the Literature/History sequence, Dr. Petty moved for approval. No one seconded. Motion died.

Dr. Crawford moved to table the template until the July meeting. Dr. Edwards seconded. Motion passed.

Subcommittee Report/Updates.

a) Meta-Majors- General Education Sub-Committee Report/Update

Dr. Lewis presented a sub-committee update:

- Keep the 41 hours general education core requirement.
- 30-31 hours core requirements to apply to all majors.
- Additional 9-10 hours, students could have flexibility to choose.

b) Math Requirement/Pathways Sub-Committee Report/Update

Dr. Good presented an update from their sub-committee:

- The goal to construct new syllabi materials for at least one new option by the end of the semester was not met.
- Subcommittee divided into two groups, a survey group and a marketing group.
- The survey group created a comprehensive survey to email to every degree program point of contact person in the state and reconvene in the fall with the results.
- The marketing group will work on a marketing campaign to increase enrollment in MTH 110.

c) AP Credit Sub-Committee Follow Up - Dr. McGill presented data from the College Board AP which was a new list of credit transfer. A copy of the chart can be furnished upon request.

Dr. Israel stated that the committee recommendation has not changed. The committee suggested the institutions look at their scores and be aware that transferring from one institution to another is a concern since that is where the student loses the credit.

Dr. Sessions suggested to have the AGSC Chair and ACHE to write a recommendation to present to the Chief Academic Officers to review. Dr. Edwards mentioned the Chief Academic Officer Chair has received a copy of one of the letters and they will meet in July.

d) ACHIEVE Conference Sub-Committee Report/Update

Dr. Arrington and Dr. Sessions presented a summary of the ACHIEVE Conference.

Dr. Sessions mentioned he will not be able to lead the next conference because of his other duties and he asked the committee for volunteers to assume the role. He also mentioned a decision about whether the conference will proceed next year needs to be made soon along with the location, in-person or online and whose hosting.

Dr. Arrington mentioned the suggestion presented at the previous meeting (July 28, 2020) of the Vice-Chair chairing the ACHIEVE conference subcommittee.

Dr. Good mentioned an idea for the next conference to have focus groups and workshops. She also mentioned if it was possible repurpose the funds for the conference to employ someone to oversee the conference. Dr. Crawford suggested if the Vice-Chair does Chair this committee he recommends Dr. Good to Co-Chair.

Other announcements or issues for discussion or vote.

Dr. Sessions mentioned an email he received about an article in Higher Education Insight. He stated Dr. Katsina suggested his Education Policy Center and AGSC within the next two weeks to co-sponsor a Zoom forum tentatively titled Federal Higher Ed Policy to discuss the impact of Biden's proposal for free community college and increasing the Pell Grant.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE AGSC MEETINGS

July 2021

TBA/Zoom

Dr. Sessions will send a doodle poll to the committee members to determine the best possible date, in person or virtual for the July meeting. Dr. Petty proposed a virtual meeting.

Dr. Good moved to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Petty seconded. Motion passed. The April 28, 2021 meeting of the AGSC adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Dr. Pamela Arrington, Chair

Jacinta Whitehurst, Recording Secretary