

STATE OF ALABAMA
Articulation and General Studies Committee

Virtual Zoom Meeting

January 13, 2021

2:00 PM

MINUTES OF MEETING

Committee Members Present:

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

Others Present: Michael Malley, Brandi Stacey, Dr. Susan McGurk-College Board, and Dr. Jeffery Fergus-AU Engineering.

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. Fulmer moved for the adoption of the agenda. Dr. Crawford seconded. The agenda was adopted.

INTRODUCTIONS OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUEST: Dr. Sessions introduced Dr. Susan McGurk, College Board and Dr. Fergus, Auburn University who were present for the virtual meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dr. Good moved for the approval of the October 20, 2020 minutes. Dr. Coleman seconded. Minutes were approved.

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

Dr. Sessions stated the Vice-Chair will serve the remainder of this term and if they wish, they can serve next year also. Dr. Crawford recommended Ms. Jackie Screws for Vice Chair for AGSC committee. She was not present, so it will be voted on at the next meeting.

Course Approvals. Dr. Sessions presented the following course proposals recommended for approval:

**Jacksonville State University
SY 223 – Social Problems (3 SH)-Area IV**

Dr. Good moved to accept the new course submitted by Jacksonville State University. Dr. Petty seconded. Motion passed.

Jacksonville State University

PSC-101- Introduction to Political Science (3 SH)- Area IV

Dr. Good moved to accept the new course submitted by Jacksonville State University. Dr. Petty seconded. Motion passed.

Templates for Ratification. Dr. Sessions presented for discussion only the following:

Proposal for Updates/Changes to Engineering STARS Guide Proposal for Updates/Changes to Engineering STARS Guide

Dr. Fergus presented the proposed updates and changes to the Engineering STARS guide. Dr. Sessions created a new template for each major in engineering with the proposed changes in Area II and Area V. A handout of the proposed changes is available upon request.

Subcommittee Report/Updates.

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

Dr. Lewis presented a sub-committee update;

- Discussed the pros and cons of the current AGSC system.
- Courses not transferring.

- Pros and Cons of applying meta majors to the core curriculum.
- Agreement on making some modifications to the presentation of the degree majors in the STARS guide on the website.
- Potentially adopting a core of 30 hours for General Ed and applying 11 hours to the meta majors.
- Reducing the number of transfer guides.

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

Dr. Good presented an update from their sub-committee. She discussed the formation of a new group called Alabama Gateway Math Options. They will meet every other week to construct new syllabi materials for at least one new option by the end of the semester.

c) AP Credit Sub-Committee Recommendation (Oct 2020) – Dr. Sessions

recommended that the committee move forward with the committee recommendation to make the AP credit scores a three (3) and ensure that institutions clearly report their AP credit awarding thresholds on their website. Dr. Sessions objective is to have the AGSC Chair write the recommendation to present to the Chief Academic Officers to review. Dr. Israel mentioned the Chief Academic Officer Chair has received a copy of the recommendation.

The committee decided that Dr. Arrington will write a formal letter to go with the recommendation and Dr. Edwards will present it to the Chief Academic Officers Chair to vote on at their next meeting.

Ms. Susan McGurk spoke briefly about her work with the College Board. She presented data from previous years on Alabama AP qualifying scores for credit.

d) ACHIEVE Conference Sub-Committee Report/Update

Dr. Arrington presented a subcommittee update for the next ACHIEVE Conference. The dates are March 3-4, 2021. It will be a virtual conference. The theme is Charting the Path Ahead: Providing Opportunities for Transfer Student Success Amid a Pandemic. Dr. Sessions briefly gave an overview of the conference website.

AGSC/STARS New Website Report/Update.

Mike Malley gave an update on the new website. He stated they will be hosting a series of workshops to demonstrate the various aspects of the website.

Request to replace AREA Academic Committee Members whose terms have ended in 2020.

Dr. Sessions stated that there are some AREA Academic Committee members who have to be replaced due to their term ending. In Area I and Area II, two 4-year members and two 2-year members need to be replaced. In Area III, one 4-year member and two 2-year members need to be replaced. In Area IV, two 4-year members and two 2-year members need to be replaced. He mentioned Dr. Edwards and Dr. Fricks are working on the replacements.

Other announcements or issues for discussion or vote.

Dr. Sessions mentioned as an information item the current usage reports are about the same.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE AGSC MEETINGS

April 2021

TBA/Zoom

Dr. Sessions will send a doodle poll to the committee members to determine the best possible date for the April meeting.

Dr. Good moved to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Petty seconded. Motion passed. The January 13, 2021 meeting of the AGSC adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Dr. Pamela Arrington, Chair

Jacinta Whitehurst, Recording Secretary