

**STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**Articulation and General Studies Committee**

Zoom (virtual Only)

July 22, 2021

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Annual Review and Planning Session**  
**July 22, 2021 - 10:00 AM**

The planning session of the Articulation and General Studies Committee (AGSC) was called to order by Dr. Pamela Arrington at 10:02 a.m.

Dr. Arrington 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. Wubishet Tadesse, Dr. Tanjula Petty, Dr. Kathleen Amende, Dr. Norman Godwin, Dr. Charles Israel, Dr. Eva Lewis, Dr. Tonjanita Johnson, Dr. Bruce Crawford, Dr. Lisa Williams, Dr. Philip Way, Dr. Hal Fulmer, Dr. Tim Edwards, Ms. Mary-Beth Lancaster and Dr. Bradley Fricks. STARS staff: Dr. Keith Sessions. ACHE staff: Dr. Robin McGill and Mrs. Jacinta Whitehurst.

Others present: Brandi Stacey

Dr. Lewis moved for the adoption of the agenda. Dr. Fricks seconded. The agenda was adopted.

Dr. Arrington welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

Draft of 2020-2021 Annual Report. Dr. Keith Sessions presented an overview of the draft of the 2020-2021 Annual Report. He also mentioned the new website and new features that will be available on the new site. *A copy of the 2020-2021 Annual Report is available by request.*

Dr. Pamela Arrington asked the committee for suggestions for the goals and priorities to focus on in the upcoming 2021-2022 year. The committee suggested to carryover (3) priorities from 2020-2021 year which were;

- To continue with considering Mega Majors as an alternative model and improve General Education courses in Area I-IV.
- To continue the work with the current math pathways.
- To continue the ACHIEVE conference.

Dr. Sessions mentioned his office will continue;

- Website completion.
- Website training and presentation.
- Continue to survey end users and students on new site.

Dr. Keith Sessions reviewed the current AGSC sub-committees for the priorities for 2021-2022 and some changes were made due to members leaving or no longer able to serve on the committees. The AGSC sub-committees list will be updated.

Dr. Edwards moved to table current meeting to reconvene in the afternoon. Dr. Lewis seconded. The Annual Review and Planning Session was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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Pamela Arrington, Chair

*Jacinta Whitehurst, Recording Secretary*

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**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Business Session**  
**July 22, 2021 - 1:30 p.m.**

**Committee Members Present:**

Dr. Pamela Arrington, Chair	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Wubishet Tadesse	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Tanjula Petty	Alabama State University
Dr. Kathleen Amende, Alternate	Alabama State University
Dr. Norman Godwin	Auburn University
Dr. Charles Israel, Alternate	Auburn University
Dr. Eva Lewis	University of Alabama
Dr. Tonjanita Johnson, Alternate	University of Alabama System
Dr. Philip Way	Athens State University
Dr. Lisa Williams, Alternate	Jacksonville State University
Dr. Hal Fulmer	Troy University
Dr. Tim Edwards, Alternate	University of West Alabama
Dr. Bruce Crawford	Lawson State Community College
Ms. Leslie Reeder, Alternate	Wallace State Community College
Dr. Mary-Beth Lancaster	Coastal 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	University of South Alabama
Dr. David Campbell	Northeast Alabama Community College
Mrs. Jackie Screws	Chattahoochee Valley Community College

**Others Present:** Chantel Reynolds; Brandi Stacey

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The business session of the Articulation and General Studies Committee was called to order at 1:31 p.m. A quorum was determined by roll call of members present.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Dr. Lewis moved for the adoption of the agenda. Dr. Fricks seconded. The agenda was adopted.

**INTRODUCTIONS OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUEST:** Dr. Arrington introduced Dr. Norman Godwin, Associate Provost of Academic Effectiveness at Auburn University who will be replacing Dr. Megan Good as a voting member of the committee and Dr. Philip Way, President of Athens State University who will be replacing Dr. Ken Kitts as a voting member of the committee. Dr. Sessions also welcomed, Dr. Reynolds to the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dr. Lewis moved for the approval of the April 28, 2021 minutes. Dr. Fricks seconded. Minutes were approved.

**FORMAL ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR:** Mrs. Whitehurst motioned to accept the nomination for Dr. Arrington as the AGSC Chair and Dr. Crawford as the AGSC Vice Chair. Dr. Lewis moved to nominate Dr. Arrington as AGSC Chair Elect and Dr. Crawford as AGSC Vice-Chair Elect for 2021-22. Dr. Fricks seconded. There were no other nominations. Motion carried.

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

**Jacksonville State University**

**FLM 230 - Introduction to Film (3 SH)**

Dr. Lewis moved to accept the Academic Committee's recommendation. Dr. Fricks seconded. Motion passed.

**ART 111 – Survey of Art I (3 SH)**

Dr. Lewis moved to accept the Academic Committee's recommendation. Dr. Fricks seconded. Motion passed.

**ART 112 - Survey of Art II (3 SH)**

Dr. Lewis moved to accept the Academic Committee's recommendation. Dr. Fricks seconded. Motion passed.

**Ratification of Templates-** None

## **Discussion Items:**

### **a. Literature / History Sequence Requirement**

Dr. Sessions followed up a discussion from the last meeting in regards to a request to eliminate the history/literature sequence requirement and allow students to take just one history and one literature course. They then could select other courses in the fine arts/humanities to satisfy the credit hours in Area II and other courses in social science to satisfy the credit hours in Area IV. He talked about an email that his office distributed across the state to ask for feedback and responses to the proposal. The written responses are available upon request. He stated a committee is in place to handle the matter which is the General Education subcommittee. Below are some comments on the issue:

- Dr. Lewis stated the UA System overall opinion was that the deeper learning would be lost from eliminating the sequence which would be a greater loss than a benefit.
- Dr. Fricks stated the ACCS Chief Academic Officers were concerned with the reduction of the sequence requirement, the students possibly losing too much writing and critical thinking skills which are taught in the history/literature sequence.
- Dr. Edwards stated his business faculty would oppose the change because they believe the students benefit from as much english and history as possible.

Dr. Crawford moved to transfer the history/literature discussion to the Meta Major/General Education subcommittee for further review. Dr. Fricks seconded. Motion passed.

### **b. Business PAC**

Dr. Sessions followed up a discussion from the last meeting in regards to a request from the Business Professional Academic committee to allow business transfer students to take Economics I and II in lieu of the Literature/History sequence. After some discussion the committee decided to table the request for further review.

Dr. Crawford moved to transfer the Business Professional Academic committee request to the Meta Major/General Education subcommittee for further review. Dr. Fricks seconded. Motion passed.

### **Presentation: Cambridge Assessment International Education**

Dr. Sessions introduced a guest presenter, Dr. Chantel Reynolds. She discussed the services Cambridge International can provide to institutions. A copy of the presentation is available upon request.

**Presentations: AGSC/STARS Student Surveys.** The student surveys were presented by Mrs. Brandi Stacy. She gave a brief summary of the results. Dr. Fulmer asked Dr. Sessions for the next version of the survey can they add a question about the range of student's debt. A copy of the preliminary survey results is available upon request.

**Other Announcements/Issues for Discussion or Vote:**

Dr. Sessions will send out a doodle poll with dates for the ACHIEVE conference in March.

**SCHEDULE OF FUTURE AGSC MEETINGS**

Fall 2021

TBA/Location or Zoom

The July 22, 2021 meeting of the AGSC adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

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Pamela Arrington, Chair

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*Jacinta Whitehurst, Recording Secretary*