

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

Virtual Zoom Meeting

April 18, 2022

1:00 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. Charles Israel, Alternate	Auburn University
Dr. Eva Lewis	University of Alabama
Dr. Tonjanita Johnson, Alternate	University of Alabama System
Dr. Mary Coleman	University of South Alabama
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
Ms. Mary-Beth Lancaster	Coastal Alabama Community College
Dr. Bruce Crawford	Lawson State Community College
Ms. Leslie Reeder, Alternate	Wallace Community College -Dothan
Dr. David Campbell	Northeast Alabama Community College

**Ex-Officio Members:**

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

**Committee Members Absent:**

Dr. Kathleen Amende, Alternate	Alabama State University
Dr. Norman Godwin	Auburn University
Dr. Eric Loomis, Alternate	University of South Alabama

**Others Present:** Brandi Stacey.

**Call to Order:**

The meeting of the Articulation and General Studies Committee was called to order by Dr. Pamela Arrington at 1:01 p.m. A quorum was determined by roll call of members present.

**Adoption of Agenda:**

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

**Introductions of New Members and Guests:**

There were no new members or guest present at the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Dr. Way moved for the approval of the January 20, 2022 minutes. Dr. Fulmer seconded. Minutes were approved.

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

**Jacksonville State University**

**MS 204 – Basic Statistics (3 SH)-Area III**

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

**University of North Alabama**

**PY-250- Soci-Cultural Perspectives on Diversity (3 SH)- Area IV**

Dr. Crawford moved to accept the new course submitted by the University of North Alabama. Dr. Tadesse seconded. Motion passed.

**University of North Alabama**

**SO-250- Soci-Cultural Perspectives on Diversity (3 SH)- Area IV**

Dr. Crawford moved to accept the new course submitted by the University of North Alabama. Dr. Petty seconded. Motion passed.

**Templates for ratification.** Dr. Sessions presented the following institution specific templates for ratification (copies are available upon request):

**News Media - UA Only**

Dr. Lewis moved for approval of the ratification of the template. Dr. Crawford seconded. Motion passed.

**Creative Media – UA Only**

Dr. Crawford moved for approval of the ratification of the template. Dr. Fulmer seconded. Motion passed.

**Health Promotion - TROY Only**

Dr. Fulmer moved for approval of the ratification of the template. Dr. Tadesse seconded. Motion passed.

**Applied Health Sciences – TROY Only**

Dr. Fulmer moved for approval of the ratification of the template. Dr. Crawford seconded. Motion passed.

### **ACHIEVE Conference Sub-Committee Report.**

- A. Ms. Brandi Stacey presented a recap of the ACHIEVE Conference which was held on March 3, 2022. She stated there were 300 registered guests, the survey response was low, but the feedback was positive. She stated the subcommittee agreed it was time to return to an in-person conference for next year.
- B. Ms. Brandi Stacey highlights for the up-coming ACHIEVE Conference were;
- Planning timeline for the next conference has moved up since the conference will be in person.
  - Working on a host location for the conference. So far, Athens State University and Calhoun Community College have submitted a proposal to host the conference.
  - Tentative dates are March 1-2, 2023. The committee plans to have the conference dates, location and speakers secured by July 1, 2022.
  - Sending out the save the dates by August 30, 2022.
  - Decision on the registration fee amounts including early bird or group discounts incentives. Dr. Sessions stated that Athens State University proposal quoted \$75 per person and he feels that \$75-\$100 per person will be a reasonable fee to cover costs for the conference.
  - Promoting the conference at other statewide events.
  - Suggestions for the keynote speakers. Ms. Stacey stated Dr. Arrington suggested the committee search for keynote speakers exclusively within Alabama.
  - Discussed having a liaison for the exhibitors.
  - A sign up for volunteers.
  - Discussed pre-conference/post-conference ideas.
  - Discussed a President's roundtable or symposium plenary.
  - Accessibility concerns.

Dr. Sessions thanked Ms. Stacey, Dr. Arrington as well as the ACHIEVE Subcommittee Planning group for handling the conference work to make it a success and he asked Ms. Brandi Stacey to lead the ACHIEVE Sub-Committee Planning group for the upcoming conference. Dr. Sessions talked about the proposal Athens State University submitted. He stated that Calhoun Community College has volunteered to co-host. Dr. Sessions briefly mentioned the submitted proposal location, theme, timeline and budget amount. Dr. Sessions stated the proposal deadline will be May 15, 2022 and he will send an email to other institutions for interest in submitting a proposal for consideration. The subcommittee will decide on which proposal will be accepted.

### **Math Requirement/Pathways Sub-Committee Report/Update**

Dr. Sessions notified the institutions by email of the committee approval of institutions having the opportunity to begin offering other courses beyond the MATH 110 and MATH 112 as the entry course for non-stem majors. He will work with the two-year system for submission of new courses as a system rather individually.

### **Transfer Equivalency Matrix/Database Update**

Dr. Sessions mentioned the update is ongoing. An initial email and spreadsheet were sent to the 14 four-year institutions. He has received their initial transfer equivalency entries. He will be sending another spreadsheet to the institutions registrars to clarify some of those entries with predefined choices. He also stated by end of May 2022, he should have a first draft of the transfer equivalency matrix.

### **Meta-Majors- General Education - Area I-IV Sub-Committee Update**

Dr. Lewis presented a sub-committee update:

- Working on guides and the business group addressing changes to their guides.
- Discussion with Dr. Sessions and Dr. McGill requested.
- Working on core hours and how to distribute between meta majors as well as general education.
- Larger student outcomes.

### **New Website Update**

Dr. Sessions mentioned the new website is progressing. There are some features and items being finalized. The goal is to be done this summer or in the fall.

## **SCHEDULE OF FUTURE AGSC MEETINGS**

July 2022

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.

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Reeder moved to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Lewis seconded. Motion passed. The April 18, 2022 meeting of the AGSC adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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Dr. Pamela Arrington, Chair

*Jacinta Whitehurst, Recording Secretary*