

STATE OF ALABAMA
Articulation and General Studies Committee

Virtual Zoom Meeting

January 20, 2022

10:00 AM

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. 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. 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
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. Eric Loomis, Alternate	University of South Alabama
Ms. Jackie Screws, Alternate	Chattahoochee Valley Community College

Others Present: Ms. Brandi Stacey, Dr. Jim Gleason, Dr. Gary Martin, Mr. Issac Segal, Mr. Jeff Relue and Mr. Andrew Brown.

CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Arrington called the meeting of the Articulation and General Studies Committee to order at 10:02 a.m. A quorum was determined by roll call of members present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

INTRODUCTIONS OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUEST:

No new members at this time. Dr. Sessions mentioned Dr. Fricks will be leaving ACCS for a new position. Dr. Sessions thanked Dr. Fricks for serving on the committee and he appreciated his work on the committee. Dr. Sessions introduced a few guests, Jeff Relue, Issac Segal, and Andrew Brown.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Dr. Crawford moved for the approval of the October 6, 2021 minutes as corrected. Dr. Fulmer seconded. Minutes were approved.

Course Approvals. No course approvals at this time.

Templates for Ratification. No templates for ratification at this time.

Math Requirement/Pathways Sub-Committee RECOMMENDATION.

Dr. Sessions thanked Dr. Good for her work as the Chair of the sub-committee. He was selected as the new Chair of the sub-committee. He introduced two guests who will present, Dr. Martin and Dr. Gleason. Dr. Martin gave an overview of the goals of the sub-committee.

- The goal was to focus on quantitative reasoning skills necessary for the 21st century that's more aligned with student's future uses of mathematics.
- Subcommittee divided into two groups.

The first group focused on promoting the value of Math 110 and how it could be made more appealing as an alternative to Precalculus. Dr. Sessions mentioned a lot of non-STEM majors have defaulted to MATH 110 as an option, and most majors except Engineering uses MATH 110 or 112 as an option. The group agrees more MATH options are needed.

The second group administered a survey of student mathematical needs. The survey was used as a basis for the recommended MATH courses changes. Dr. Gleason shared the survey results and a copy of the results are available upon request.

The group concluded that statistics courses and a change in focus with less about computational skills were needed. The group brought forth a recommendation to revise the language in Area III to be more inclusive of a broader idea of Mathematical Science rather than Mathematics.

- The first recommendation proposes to change the title of Area III to "Natural and Mathematical Sciences" and the description.

Dr. Fulmer moved for the approval to adopt the recommendation for the title and description change for Area III. Dr. Tadesse seconded. The recommendation was approved.

- The second recommendation proposes the removal of course titles and courses should include student learning outcomes that focus on mathematical and/or statistical reasoning. Dr. Arrington questioned the inconsistency in the other areas since they will still list the course titles. Dr. Sessions agreed that it will be different but he stated this may be a precursor to shifting all the Areas to be more aligned with learning outcomes. Dr. Campbell asked whether the transfer process will be affected or will it be more difficult to list student learning outcomes vs courses? Dr. Sessions responded that it will not take away the current accepted courses but it will actually help community college students with having more math options. Dr. Martin reiterated that the course approvals will remain, and the learning outcomes will be used to determine which courses are approved.

Dr. Fulmer moved for the approval to adopt the recommendation to use student learning outcomes instead of titles to describe the courses in Area III. Dr. Campbell seconded. The recommendation was approved.

ACHIEVE Conference Sub-Committee Report/Update

Ms. Stacey discussed the sub-committee agenda from their online meeting about the upcoming ACHIEVE conference. She asked the committee to promote the conference to their institution and colleagues. She also mentioned that more proposal submissions were needed.

Transfer Equivalency Matrix/Database Update

Dr. Sessions discussed the updates for the Transfer Matrix. He mentioned the ACCS courses and the universities equivalent courses for Area I-IV is correct except for minor changes. Three universities have requested extensions. Area V isn't ready to be inputted in the database. There are some differences in the way the universities submit their equivalent courses and Dr. Sessions will have to send out some descriptive choices so the wording and definitions are the same. Dr. McGill commented that the matrix symbolizes an achievement and the students will have another reference to refer to since this matrix refers to courses while the current guides are by field of study. She also mentions it will add some additional transparency and tools for students.

EDUNAV Presentation

Dr. Sessions introduced three guests, Jeff Relue, Issac Segal, and Andrew Brown, from EDNAV, which is a data company that uses a universal digital transcript system that uses articulation information to do inter-school articulations in real time and provides people with a complete, easy-to-understand transcript. They presented a powerpoint presentation. A copy of the powerpoint is available upon request. Dr. Sessions mentioned this platform is an opportunity to consider and important for the credentialing of students and the reverse transfer option the platform offers. Dr. McGill asked about the startup and maintenance costs of the platform. Mr. Segal mentioned there is a one-time upfront fee and then it will be an annual subscription fee.

Other announcements or issues for discussion or vote. None

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE AGSC MEETINGS

April 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 April meeting.

Dr. Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Tadesse seconded. Motion passed. The January 22, 2022 meeting of the AGSC adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Dr. Pamela Arrington, Chair

Jacinta Whitehurst, Recording Secretary