

STATE OF ALABAMA
Articulation and General Studies Committee

Virtual Zoom Meeting
November 16, 2022
2:00 PM

MINUTES OF MEETING

Committee Members Present:

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

Others Present: Brandi Stacey, Mike Malley, Dr. Katsina, Shannon Nichols and Dr. Catherine Wehlburg.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Articulation and General Studies Committee was called to order at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was determined by roll call of members present.

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

INTRODUCTIONS OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUEST: Dr. Sessions introduced Dr. Catherine Wehlburg, Provost at Athens State University. She was substituting for Dr. Way in his absence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dr. Calhoun moved for the approval of the Planning meeting August 31, 2022 minutes. Dr. Coleman seconded. Minutes were approved.

Dr. Arrington moved for the approval of the Business meeting August 31, 2022 minutes. Mrs. Screws seconded. Minutes were approved.

Course Approvals. None.

Ratification of Templates. Sessions presented the following institution specific template for ratification (copies are available upon request):

Geographic & Information Systems – Troy and UNA Only

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

Atmospheric & Earth Science – UAH Only

Calhoun moved for approval of the ratification of the template. Lancaster seconded. Motion passed.

Public Health – UAB and JSU Only

Calhoun moved for approval of the ratification of the template. Screws seconded. Motion passed.

General Studies Core Subcommittee Update.

Dr. Lewis discussed the general education survey that was previously circulated. She received 16 responses. The subcommittee will meet to review the survey results.

2023 ACHIEVE Conference Subcommittee Update.

Brandi Stacey gave an update on the upcoming ACHIEVE conference in March 2023. She mentioned an email that was sent with the *Save the Date* graphic, which included a QR code, links for submitting proposals, and registration. She stated the deadline for early bird registration and proposals is January 9, 2023. Dr. Sessions gave details on how to access the link to register, and the Whova app to navigate the conference on the Alabama Transfers website.

Support Course Subcommittee Update.

Dr. Calhoun gave an update on the corequisite course offered at ACCS. She mentioned the support courses at Coastal Community College for which they designated with an “S” will no longer use that designation after the spring 2023 term for Math 110 or 112.

Alabama Transfers – New Website Update

Dr. Sessions discussed the launch of the website on November 17, 2022. He mentioned they will begin redirecting students from the old site to the new site. He also mentioned a link to a Zoom recording available to watch, in which he goes over new features and new additions on the new site.

Dr. Lewis moved for approval to put the launching of the new Alabama Transfers website in effect on November 17, 2022, on behalf of the AGSC. Israel seconded. Motion passed.

Dr. Katsinas commented that Provost Jim Dalton and former Provost Kevin Whitaker should be given credit for the creation of the new website. They understood that AGSC STARS needed a 21st century web-based, mobile technology platform to move and advance transfers in the state. It was their commitment to give resources to help make that possible.

Prior Learning Credit Discussion.

Dr. Sessions mentioned a request from Nick Moore to learn more of what the AGSC STARS does. He will begin to have discussions on prior learning credit and ways the committee could help in the effort. Some ideas he mentioned were to provide information on the transfer website to help the process or something to tie in with the Athens State University pilot program CAEL, in which they evaluate those types of credit. Dr. McGill mentioned a discussion had been made at a goal setting meeting about the potential to consider credit for prior learning as a function that AGSC could do for general studies courses. It was set as a goal to determine a role, if any, AGSC may have around credit for prior learning and guaranteeing articulation. She stated that those exploratory activities caught the interest of Nick Moore and the Governor’s office in allowing more pathways to transfer credit in by those with prior experience. Dr. Crawford commented that the community college system already has prior learning assessment and processes in place. He mentioned ways Nick Moore can help, such as promoting professional development to have a standardized process to apply the credit so that ACHE or AGSC can award academic credit and identifying ways to support colleges in getting the standardized training so everyone can be systematic across the board.

Other Announcements or Issues for Discussion or Vote

Dr. Lewis questioned the status of the Advanced Placement (AP) credit scores level changes to a 3-credit score. Dr. Israel stated the recommendation was presented to the Chief Academic Officers, and they wanted to hear from Dr. McGurk of the College Board at the next meeting. He mentioned Auburn University and University of North Alabama are already using the 3-credit score across the board. Dr. Sessions mentioned the AP transfer matrix will be available on the new website in a table format. Dr. Johnson stated the University of Alabama System has questions and concerns, and

they wanted the provosts to get direct information from AP, including information on AP's upcoming new online courses. Dr. Crawford asked that the AP credit issue be revisited and to reactivate the committee. Dr. Sessions mentioned waiting for the response by the Chief Academic Officers on their recommendation before proceeding.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE AGSC MEETINGS

February 2023

TBA/Zoom

Lewis moved to adjourn the November 16, 2022, AGSC meeting. Coleman seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Dr. Bruce Crawford, Chair

Jacinta Whitehurst, Recording Secretary