

STATE OF ALABAMA
Articulation and General Studies Committee

Virtual Zoom Meeting

October 18, 2023

10:00 AM

MINUTES OF MEETING

Committee Members Present:

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

Others Present: Jacinta Whitehurst- ACHE, Mike Malley, Dr. Suzanne McGurk and Janael Yowell.

Call to Order:

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

Adoption of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes: Dr. Wehlburg moved for the approval of the July 13, 2023 minutes. Dr. Crawford seconded. Minutes were approved.

Introductions of New Members and Guests: Dr. Sessions introduced the new alternate member for Alabama State University, Dr. Caterina Bristol. He also introduced two guests, Dr. Suzanne McGurk and Janael Yowell.

Course Approvals. None.

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

Immunology (CIP 26.0507) - UAB Only

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

UPDATE – 2024 ACHIEVE Conference Sub-Committee.

As chair of the sub-committee, Dr. Wehlburg discussed updates for the upcoming conference.

- The dates and location have been confirmed for March 27-28, 2024 at the University of South Alabama (USA) in Mobile, Alabama.
- Speakers for both conference days have been confirmed.
- Reception sponsored by Bishop State CC/Coastal State CC
- Save the date emails will be sent out.
- Set-up of the web pages: USA conference page active, working on registration link, presentation proposal link page active, working on information page for sponsors and exhibitors, hotel suggestions on website.
- Whova app

Update -AP/CLEP Special Presentation by Dr. McGurk (College Board)

Dr. Sessions reviewed a spreadsheet of AP/CLEP course equivalences credits for each institution being worked on by his office.

Dr. Suzanne McGurk, Senior Director, Higher Education Policy of the College Board, presented a summary of scores for the 2022 Cohort AP exams. A copy of the presentation is available upon request.

Dr. Lewis asked if the reports were sent automatically to the institutions, and Dr. McGurk answered the reports were by request only.

Update- ACHE Initiatives and Budget

Dr. Robin McGill presented updates on the following ACHE Initiatives and Budget:

- ACHE's operating budget for FY23-24, including increased funding for the AGSC line item.
 - (Re)Engage Alabama grant initiative, which will be implemented in January 2024.
 - ACHE's new online interactive tool (Power BI) that will link information to each institution on recruitment, admissions and much more.
 - Alabama Committee on Credential and Transparency Act
 - ATLAS on Career Pathways
 - Preliminary Enrollment Trends for 2023
 - Updates to the Administrative Code for Program Review Regulations- changes to the reasonable extensions and alterations to existing units and programs of instruction to make more simplified, clear and aligned with SACSCOC.
- Dr. McGill was asked whether it was advisable to allow community college to add concentrations within their transfer associate degrees. It will reinforce structure already going on with AGSC. This option is not addressed in ACHE's administrative procedure but there is an opportunity to set up a process in coordination with AGSC. Dr. McGill suggested a peer review option or AGSC process to look into this matter. Dr. Sessions discussed putting the matter on the agenda for next meeting for committee input. He also asked for information in writing on the guide maps.

A copy of the presentation is available upon request.

Update- Alabama Transfer Website

Mike Malley demonstrated the updates and features on the new website on usage reports. Dr. Sessions discussed the transfer submission dashboard, specifically that more information is available on how students are using the website to get transfer guides. He also demonstrated how to export the course equivalency database/matrix.

Discussion of Time, Date(s), Location for Winter Meeting

January 2024

TBA

Dr. Sessions will send a doodle poll to the committee members to determine the best possible date for the January 2024 virtual meeting.

Other Issues or Announcements:

Dr. Lewis mentioned attending a meeting on changes to the core curriculum at the University of Alabama, including potential impacts on the statewide transfer agreements. Further discussions will take place later in the semester.

Adjournment

Dr. Tadesse moved to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Crawford seconded. Motion passed. The meeting of the AGSC was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Dr. Eva Lewis, Chair

Jacinta Whitehurst, Recording Secretary