

STATE OF ALABAMA

Articulation and General Studies Committee

Virtual Zoom Meeting

April 29, 2026

10:00AM

MINUTES OF MEETING

Committee Members Present:

Dr. Douglas LaVergne	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Seela Aladuwaka, Alternate*	Alabama State University
Dr. Charles Bringardner	Auburn University
Dr. Charles Israel, Alternate	Auburn University
Dr. Rhonda Gaede	University of Alabama in Huntsville
Dr. Tonjanita Johnson, Alternate	University of Alabama System
Dr. Julie Estis	University of South Alabama
Dr. Eric Loomis, Alternate	University of South Alabama
Dr. Catherine Wehlburg, Chair	Athens State University
Dr. Fred Figliano	Troy University
<i>Represented by Dr. Frank Hammonds</i>	
Dr. Amy Jones, Alternate	University of West Alabama
Dr. Mary Beth Lancaster	Coastal Community College
Dr. Bruce Crawford	Lawson State CC
Ms. Leslie Reeder, Alternate	Wallace CC -Dothan
Dr. David Campbell	Northeast Alabama CC
Dr. Chantae Calhoun	Alabama Community College System

Ex-Officio Members:

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

Committee Members Absent:

Dr. Wubishet Tadesse, Alternate	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Albert Russell	Alabama State University
Dr. D. Kristen Gilbert	University of Montevallo
Mrs. Jackie Screws	Chattahoochee Valley CC

Others Present: Mrs. Jacinta Whitehurst, ACHE; Dr. Brandi Stacey, EdVisorly

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Articulation and General Studies Committee was called to order at 10:04 a.m. A quorum was determined by roll call of members present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Dr. Crawford moved for the approval of February 23, 2026, minutes. Dr. Campbell seconded. Minutes were approved.

INTRODUCTIONS OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS:

No new members to announce currently.

COURSE APPROVALS.

Dr. Sessions presented the following course approval:

MTH 108 – Quantitative Reasoning (ACCS)

Dr. Crawford moved to accept the Academic Committee's recommendation. Dr. Campbell seconded. Motion passed.

TEMPLATES FOR RATIFICATION. None.**AGSC PRIORITY UPDATE –ACHIEVE CONFERENCE 2026 RECAP.**

Dr. Sessions provided a recap of the virtual conference held March 3–5, 2026. Key highlights included:

- A total of 497 individuals registered for the conference.
- Certificates of attendance are available upon request.
- Expenses associated with the virtual format were significantly lower than those of an in-person conference.

UPDATE – ALABAMA TRANSFERS & EDVISORLY AI PILOT PROGRAM SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Sessions referred to the Alabama Transfers webpage, which includes details about the AI pilot program, as well as lists of institutions that are currently participating.

Dr. Brandi Stacey provided an update on the AI pilot program, reporting that Phase I has been completed. The next step is to gather feedback to identify opportunities for improving functionality and enhancing the user experience. The upcoming phase will focus on integrating existing transfer guides into EddyNavigate, which is the student-facing transfer advising application within the EdVisorly platform.

Dr. Stacey also discussed plans to convene a group of stakeholders this summer to explore what an ideal reverse transfer platform would look like. Dr. Sessions indicated that he would coordinate and schedule the meeting.

Additionally, Dr. Sessions noted that he would provide Dr. Stacey with a list of students who received transfer guides and expressed interest in Troy University, allowing them to participate in testing and evaluating the EddyNavigate tool.

Dr. McGill provided a legislative update regarding the allocation of an additional \$200,000 in state funds for the Committee. She also inquired about any increases in expenditures associated with the Edvisorly contract and whether such increases were authorized under the terms of the three-year agreement. Additionally, she requested that an informational item be included at a future meeting outlining the contracts and

funding associated with the pilot program. Dr. Sessions indicated he would coordinate with EdVisorly to gather information on anticipated funding moving forward.

UPDATE – AP & CLEP CREDIT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Loomis provided a brief overview of the committee's March meeting. He noted that discussions focused on:

- Statewide scores across various institutional areas.
- Methods for gathering data and engaging faculty in the process of establishing AP score requirements.
- Challenges associated with transferring courses between institutions.

He also reviewed several potential recommendations, including:

- Tracking secondary credit outcomes by monitoring student performance in successor courses across a broader range of institutions.
- Encouraging institutions to award some college credit for an AP score of **3**, even if the credit applies to only a single course.
- Exploring a statewide policy for transfer students who successfully complete a successor course at a previous institution but earned an AP score below the minimum accepted by the receiving institution.

UPDATE - NUMERACY ACT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

No report was provided at this time.

UPDATE – GENERAL EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. McGill provided an update on the General Education Subcommittee. She reported that the subcommittee has been reviewing historical documents and discussing potential changes to General Education requirements. Their efforts have focused on both procedural and substantive considerations, particularly the rationale behind the statewide General Studies curriculum established through legislation in the 1990s.

Dr. McGill noted that the subcommittee is interested in ensuring institutions retain the flexibility to work through their internal governance processes while preserving a curriculum that remains transferable across institutions and aligns with the intent of the original legislation.

A key area of interest was the review of literature and history sequence requirements. She welcomed input from any committee members who have strong opinions about the sequence requirements and encouraged them to share their perspectives before the next General Education committee meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEM: 90 HOUR BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Dr. Sessions made the committee aware of national discussions exploring reduced-credit-hour bachelor's degree programs. He noted that SACSCOC has provided guidelines distinguishing the traditional 120-credit-hour bachelor's degree from the reduced-credit-hour version, and he included links to relevant articles and raised questions about the potential future impact on institutions and transfer students.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Dr. Sessions noted that Alabama Transfers staff were making minor updates to the website and provided a preview of the updated pages.

DISCUSS TIME, DATE(S), LOCATION FOR SUMMER AGSC MEETING

July/August 2026

TBA

Dr. Sessions will send a Doodle poll to committee members to identify the most suitable date for the meeting.

Adjournment

Dr. Lavergne moved to adjourn the meeting, and Dr. Lancaster seconded. Motion passed. The meeting of the AGSC was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Chair, Dr. Catherine Wehlburg

Jacinta Whitehurst, Recording Secretary