

STATE OF ALABAMA
Articulation and General Studies Committee

Virtual Zoom Meeting
February 23, 2026
2:00 PM

MINUTES OF MEETING

Committee Members Present:

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. D. Kristen Gilbert	University of Montevallo
Dr. Fred Figliano	Troy University
Dr. Amy Jones, Alternate	University of West Alabama
<i>Represented by Kristen Woodruff</i>	
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/STARS
Mr. Shannon Nichols	AGSC/STARS
Dr. Robin McGill	ACHE

Committee Members Absent:

Dr. Douglas LaVergne	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Wubishet Tadesse, Alternate	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Albert Russell	Alabama State University
Dr. Mary Beth Lancaster	Coastal Community College
Mrs. Jackie Screws	Chattahoochee Valley CC
Dr. Robin McGill	ACHE

Others Present: Jacinta Whitehurst,

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Articulation and General Studies Committee was called to order at 2:08 p.m. A quorum was determined by roll call of members present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Dr. Estis moved for the adoption of the agenda.
Dr. Gilbert seconded. The agenda was adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dr. Crawford moved for the approval of November 19, 2025, minutes. Dr. Gilbert seconded. Minutes were approved.

INTRODUCTIONS OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS: Dr. Sessions introduced a couple of guests, Kristen Woodruff, UWA and Brandi Stacey.

COURSE APPROVALS. None.

Dr. Sessions noted that a new math course for non-STEM majors has been submitted and is expected to come before the committee for approval at the next meeting.

TEMPLATES FOR RATIFICATION.

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

Engineering Technology (UAH Only)

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

UPDATE – 2026 ACHIEVE CONFERENCE.

Dr. Sessions shared updates on the upcoming virtual conference scheduled for March 3–5, 2026. He noted that registration will close on February 25, 2026. Key details include:

- 430 attendees registered, with 70 spots remaining
- 9 sessions planned across 3 days
- Keynote speakers have been confirmed

UPDATE – ALABAMA TRANSFERS & ADVISORLY 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 and those that have shown interest.

Brandi Stacey presented an overview of the AI pilot program and demonstrated a live version of Phase I.

UPDATE – AP & CLEP CREDIT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Loomis provided a brief overview of a spreadsheet outlining AP scores and corresponding credit awards across Alabama institutions. He will share data from USA at the next subcommittee meeting on March 9th on student AP scores in their successor courses, comparing outcomes across different score levels and student populations. He proposed the idea of working toward making progress in standardizing scores, noting that even without full standardization, there are meaningful steps that could help students minimize unnecessary credits.

UPDATE - NUMERACY ACT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Calhoun provided a brief overview of the Alabama Numeracy Act and noted that they are awaiting state department approval of the programs. She noted that alternative courses for Area V were reviewed in the fall to replace Math 231 and Math 232. Plans are underway to secure approval for these courses, and the revisions have been sent to four-year institutions for consideration, though some are still developing curricula to comply with the Numeracy Act.

Dr. McGill indicated that greater clarity is expected by the end of 2025, due to the requirement for four-year institutions to have numeracy coursework approved to begin offering programs in Fall 2026. New students entering education preparation programs must have completed all elementary and early childhood sequences. She noted that USA has offered to share its Numeracy Act curriculum with other institutions that have elementary education programs.

UPDATE – GENERAL EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. McGill provided an update on the General Education subcommittee. The subcommittee aims to focus on how other institutions approach General Education. She requested shared SACSCOC accreditation responses related to General Education to inform the development of a rationale and help make recommendations on areas such as sequence requirements.

ALABAMA TRANSFERS WEBSITE ENHANCEMENT

Dr. Sessions provided a brief overview of the new features to the Alabama Transfers website and demonstrated the updated course equivalent webpage.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None.

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

April 2026 TBA

Dr. Sessions will send a Doodle poll to committee members to identify the most suitable date for the April 2026 virtual meeting.

Adjournment

Dr. Gaede moved to adjourn the meeting, and Dr. Gilbert seconded. Motion passed. The meeting of the AGSC was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Chair, Dr. Catherine Wehlburg

Jacinta Whitehurst, Recording Secretary