

STATE OF ALABAMA

Articulation and General Studies Committee

Virtual Zoom Meeting

November 19, 2025

2:00 PM

MINUTES OF MEETING

Committee Members' Present:

Dr. Douglas LaVergne	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Wubishet Tadesse, Alternate	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Albert Russell	Alabama State University
Dr. Seela Aladuwaka, Alternate	Alabama State 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. Tina Jones, Alternate	University of West Alabama
<i>Represented by Dr. Amy Jones</i>	
Dr. Bruce Crawford	Lawson State CC
Dr. Chantae Calhoun	Alabama Community College System

Ex-Officio Members:

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

Committee Members Absent:

Dr. Charles Bringardner	Auburn University
Dr. D. Kristen Gilbert	University of Montevallo
Ms. Mary-Beth Lancaster	Coastal Alabama CC
Mrs. Jackie Screws	Chattahoochee Valley CC
Ms. Leslie Reeder, Alternate	Wallace CC -Dothan
Dr. David Campbell	Northeast Alabama CC

Others Present:

Jacinta Whitehurst - ACHE, Brandy Stacey, and Trisha Crain, Alabama Daily News

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Articulation and General Studies Committee was called to order by Dr. Wehlburg at 2:03 p.m. A quorum was determined by roll call of members present.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dr. Crawford moved for the approval of the Planning meeting July 28, 2025, minutes. Dr. Calhoun seconded. Minutes were approved.

Dr. Crawford moved for the approval of the Business meeting July 29, 2025, minutes. Dr. LaVergne seconded. Minutes were approved.

INTRODUCTIONS OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS:

Dr. Sessions introduced the new member for Alabama State University, Dr. Albert Russell, who has been appointed to replace Dr. Mary Grimes-McGreer. He also introduced guests: Brandy Stacey, Dr. Amy Jones-UWA, Dr. Frank Hammonds-Troy University, and Trish Crain-Alabama Daily News.

Dr. Sessions also announced the retirement of Dr. Eva Lewis. He thanked her for all her contributions to the committee.

COURSE APPROVALS: None.

TEMPLATES FOR RATIFICATION:

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

Disability Studies and Rehabilitation Science - UAB Only

Dr. Gaede moved to approve the ratification of the template, pending the UAB approval of the revised language clarifying that students should either complete the human anatomy and physiology sequence at the two-year institution or wait to complete the sequence at the four-year institution and acceptance of the Community College BIO 120 course. Dr. Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Game Design - UAH Only

Dr. Jones moved for approval of the ratification of the template. Dr. Russell seconded. Motion passed.

AGSC PRIORITY UPDATE – ACHIEVE CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Dr. Sessions provided updates for the upcoming conference on March 3-5, 2026, including the following details:

- Conference virtual and free to attend. Registration is required.
- Speakers for the conference days are being lined up.
- Alabama Transfers web page has links for draft agenda, registration, speakers and discussion panel suggestions.

AGSC PRIORITY UPDATE- ALABAMA TRANSFERS & EDVISORLY AI PILOT PROGRAM SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT:

Dr. Sessions provided updates for the EdVisorly AI pilot program. He gave an overview of the web page and a timeline of progress.

AGSC PRIORITY UPDATE- AP and CLEP CREDIT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT:

Dr. Loomis provided an update on the studies reviewed regarding AP and CLEP credit. Dr. Sessions gave an overview of an AP Credit with 2-year equivalents handout. He mentioned there are seven more universities to evaluate.

AGSC PRIORITY UPDATE- NUMERACY ACT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT:

Dr. Calhoun discussed the following:

- Dr. Calhoun briefed the committee on three priority courses that were reviewed to replace credit hours removed due to the Numeracy Act: Child Development 201, Child Development 210, and Psychology 210.
- She also noted that three additional courses—EDU 100 Foundations of Education, Psychology 212, and Psychology 240—were identified as potentially compliant with the Numeracy Act and will be reviewed in Spring 2026.
- The committee continues to consider the development of two new courses or one elementary or mathematics teaching course. A concern was raised that MTH 231 does not comply with the Numeracy Act because required pedagogy is not embedded in the course.
- MTH 108 is currently offered at the community college for AAS programs only and will need to be brought to the committee in the spring for consideration as an Area III transfer course.

AGSC PRIORITY UPDATE- GENERAL EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT:

It was suggested that a future AGSC meeting invite administrators from various universities who have implemented substantial revisions to their majors' general education (core) curricula. Dr. Crawford also suggested the summer may be an ideal time to discuss potential impacts on community college transfers.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Leadership changes at UA System: The prior provost has accepted a position as Executive Vice President at LSU. Dr. Leslie Reed is the Interim Provost at the University of Alabama, and Dr. Karr has retired.

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

February 2026

TBA

Dr. Sessions will send a Doodle poll to the committee members to determine the best possible date for the February 2026 virtual meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Crawford moved to adjourn the meeting, and Dr. Calhoun seconded. Motion passed. The meeting of the AGSC was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Dr. Catherine Wehlburg, Chair

Jacinta Whitehurst, Recording Secretary

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