

STATE OF ALABAMA
Articulation and General Studies Committee
Zoom (Virtual Only)

MINUTES OF MEETING
Business Session
August 31, 2022 - 1:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

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

Others Present: Brandi Stacey, Mike Malley, Stephen Katsinas, Paul Hankins, Cary Curtiss, Jae Violet and Stephanie Dolan.

CALL TO ORDER:

The business session of the Articulation and General Studies Committee was called to order at 1:31 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. Fulmer seconded. The agenda was adopted.

INTRODUCTIONS OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUEST: Dr. Sessions introduced Dr. Chantae Calhoun, Director of Academic Affairs at the Alabama community College System who will be replacing Dr. Brad Fricks as an alternate voting member of the committee and Dr. Eva Lewis, whose term will be extended for an additional year as a voting member of the committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dr. Lewis moved for the approval of the April 18, 2022 minutes. Dr. Arrington seconded. Minutes were approved.

Course Approval. Dr. Sessions presented the following course proposals recommended for approval:

Jacksonville State University

EH 205 – Literature for Life (3 SH)

There was a discussion regarding the reasons for the objections to the course. There was also a concern in regards to the transferability of the course to other institutions. Dr. Sessions advised that once the course is approved, it will be entered into JSU's new course listing and it will transferable to all public universities and community colleges.

Dr. Lewis moved to accept the Academic Committee's recommendation. Dr. Calhoun seconded. Motion passed.

EH 206 – Literature for Life II (3 SH)

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

Ratification of Templates- None to vote on.

Dr. Sessions mentioned three templates he's working on for the next meeting which are
Geographic Information Sciences (Troy, UWA, AU)
Community Health (UAH, UA)
Sports Management (AAMU, Athens, JSU, Troy, UAH, UNA, USA, UWA)

Dr. Crawford asked Dr. Sessions to share some comments for the support of the course approvals as well as the objections to create balance for the committee.

Discussion Items:

a. Discuss “Support Courses” – Questions from USA

Dr. Sessions discussed an email Dr. Coleman submitted in regards to a support course EH101-S that USA would like to treat the same as an undesignated course. She stated the course may have a different instructional delivery but it's the same course. She wanted to know if other institutions have had discussions about the transferability of these courses. Below are some comments on the issue:

- Ms. Mary Beth Lancaster (Coastal CC) stated they have (3 cr) Math-112S that is taught concurrently with Math-112.
- Dr. Arrington (AAMU) stated they have a (4 cr) Math-112E that has a supplemental lab but it satisfies the Math-112 course.
- Dr. Calhoun mentioned that Math-111 is a support course in the Math curriculum that is a co-requisite for Math-112.
- Dr. Sessions mentioned creating a subcommittee to look into the support courses to make sure the content is the same. The courses will have to be approved and added to all the transfer guides.
- The following committee members have volunteered to serve on the Adhoc committee to look into support courses: Coleman, Calhoun (Chair), Arrington, Lancaster, Amende, Sessions and Crawford.

b. Re-branding Efforts-Becoming “Alabama Transfers- Powered by AGSC/STARS”

Dr. Sessions discussed the rebranding of the program with the new simplified name. Ms. Stacey mentioned for marketing efforts purposes, they will be utilizing the institutions and the public relations people to share the information for the new website. She stated a press kit will be available soon for the institutions to download the new logo, the branding and to share on their website.

Dr. Crawford recommended that the committee officially adopt the Alabama Transfers rebranding. Dr. Lewis moved to accept the recommendation of officially adopting the Alabama Transfers rebranding. Mrs. Screws seconded. Motion passed.

c. New website Preview

Mike Malley gave an overview and demonstration of the new website. Dr. Sessions mentioned any suggestions or feedback during the preview can be sent to him after the meeting. He also will be sending out a doodle poll with dates for anyone who is interested in more detail about the new website and its features.

d. New transfer Equivalency Matrix Roll Out

Dr. Sessions stated that it's close to complete. He stated there is approximately 250 common courses that was gathered from the feedback from the four-year institutions on whether these courses have an exact equivalency to them. The matrix will cover an area requirement where there is no equivalency or technical credit available. It will be available soon in a downloadable spreadsheet.

e. ACHIEVE Conference 2023 Update

Mrs. Stacey discussed the upcoming conference and a tentative schedule that will be held on March 1-2, 2023. She thanked Dr. Phillip Way for hosting the conference at Athens State University. She also mentioned the purchasing of a new app called Hoover that will help streamline the process and it will give the ability to send push notification quickly, if needed.

f. PLA Credit Discussion – (RE) ENGAGE Alabama

Dr. McGill discussed the new initiative Re Engage Alabama which targets former students in Alabama with some college and no degree. This program is designed to identify those students who previously attended a college or university, but may be short of earning an undergraduate degree by a few credits. She stated there was a topic of discussion at a conference in regards to a PLA STARS agreement in which a prior learning experience could be evaluated as a credit toward general studies at an institution and if possibly the credit would be accepted at other institutions without having to go through another review process. She mentioned this discussion would require more conversation and infrastructure changes to fit PLA in the course to course matrix. Dr. Crawford mentioned this PLA discussion will be an exploratory topic until the approval process and establishment of guidance are explored.

g. AGSC Survey on General Education Curriculum- Update

Dr. Lewis presented an update of the General Education Curriculum survey that was circulated to the Provost’s at the institutions. Dr. McGill presented the results of the survey. A copy of the survey is available upon request.

Other Announcements/Issues for Discussion or Vote:

Dr. Sessions repeated the seven (7) 2022-23 priorities and goals that were decided upon in the planning meeting. Dr. Crawford stated he would like the PLA to be listed as an exploratory item of discussion with ACHE’s guidance and leadership.

Dr. Crawford recommended that the committee officially accept the seven (7) priorities and goals FY2022-23. Dr. Arrington moved to accept the recommendation as well as adding the expectation of ACHE adding a goal to explore, identify a process for PLA and make a recommendation. Dr. Fulmer seconded. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE AGSC MEETINGS

Fall 2022

Doodle Poll/TBA/Location or Zoom

The August 31, 2022 meeting of the AGSC adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Dr. Bruce Crawford, Chair

Jacinta Whitehurst, Recording Secretary