

**ALABAMA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
ARTICULATION AND GENERAL STUDIES COMMITTEE  
HIGGINBOTHAM ACADEMIC CENTER  
SOUTHERN UNION COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
OPELIKA, ALABAMA  
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**MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Articulation and General Studies Committee (AGSC) was called to order by Dr. Don Crump, chair, at 10:38 A.M. The following members of the Committee were present:

Dr. Don Crump	University of Alabama
Dr. Julius Brown	Wallace Community College-Selma
Dr. Joe Morris	Jefferson State Community College
Dr. Roy Johnson	Southern Union State Community College
Dr. Rod Britt	Southern Union State Community College
Dr. Tom Osborn	University of North Alabama
Dr. John Morrow	University of South Alabama
Dr. Paul Parks	Auburn University
Dr. Carol Daron	Auburn University
Dr. Charles Nash	The University of Alabama System
Dr. Larry Allen	University of South Alabama
Ms. Ellen Haulman	Alabama Commission on Higher Education

Others present: Dr. Larry Gerber, ACUF; Dr. Jim Sutton, Troy State University in Montgomery; Dr. Ralph E. Miller, Alabama Alliance for Arts Education, Auburn University; Dr. Jimmy Simpson, Alabama Music Educators Association, University of North Alabama; Dr. Tom Henderson, Jefferson State Community College; Ms. Patricia Smith, Northeast Alabama State Community College; Dr. Bill Duey, Alabama State University; Ms. Janice Ingle, Linda Johnson, and Susan Salatto, Southern Union Community College; Ms. Carol Graham, Troy State University; Ms. Pebblin Warren, Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education; Dr. Nicholas Gerogiannis, Auburn University at Montgomery; Rosemary Johnson, Wallace Community College, Selma.

Dr. Roy Johnson welcomed everyone to Southern Union Community College and extended an invitation to all to tour the newly completed Higginbotham Academic Center accompanied by staff personnel.

Dr. Crump moved for the approval of the minutes from the March 23, 1995, meeting held at Auburn University at Montgomery. Dr. Brown noted the difference in meeting times and Dr. Crump and Ms. Haulman also corrected a few typographical errors contained in the minutes. Dr. Brown then moved to accept the minutes and Dr. Britt seconded with corrections.

The meeting began with a summary from Dr. Crump of what was accomplished during the last meeting held jointly with the ACHE Council of Chief Academic Officers. He noted that several revisions were made including the moving of History from Humanities to a section entitled History, Social, and Behavioral Sciences, reducing the credit hours required in Humanities, and increasing credit hours in the section entitled History, Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Dr. Crump indicated some concerns continue to exist about the following:

1. What is the intended level of mathematics? Some feedback suggests confusion about the definition of college algebra, and pre-calculus algebra.
2. In the Natural Sciences, there is some concern that we name everything (i.e., earth science, physical science, etc.).

3. Some feedback suggests concern about 10-quarter-hour and 6-semester-hour requirements, at least at the University of South Alabama.
4. There is much confusion among the CAO's about Area 5.
5. Is physical education to be a part of the general studies curriculum?

The question was raised as to why the CAO's had not responded to the Committee's request for response to the proposed draft of April 3, 1995, and Dr. Crump explained that Dr. Sam McManus was involved with a ten-year SACS review and that he was unable to set a follow up meeting until late May or early June. Dr. Roy Johnson expressed his disappointment that the CAO's were not moving with greater dispatch but emphasized that the AGSC should go ahead and set credit hour distribution requirements for the general studies curriculum and establish broad timeframes within the plan.

Dr. Crump then proposed to the Committee that a working subcommittee be designated and meet sometime between now and the next scheduled meeting in May. This committee would establish a two-year timetable that would take us from May 1995-May 1997, with target dates and goals to be achieved. Dr. Crump referenced the legislative charge to the Committee to have a general studies curriculum developed by 1998. Dr. John Morrow questioned what was to be included in the yet unidentified category of Area 5 in the general studies curriculum. Dr. Crump responded that the Committee's first task is to focus on Areas 1-4. Then to get together with the Deans of Nursing, Engineering, etc., to talk about what courses should be included for freshmen and sophomores to continue with a professional degree. Dr. Britt stated that he believed that the Committee needed to come to closure on the 65-quarter-hour general studies curriculum. Dr. Roy Johnson then moved for Dr. Crump to establish the sub-committee to come to closure on Areas 1-4, establish a mission statement, develop guidelines for discipline committees, and develop a timeframe to meet the charge of the Legislature. Dr. Brown seconded.

Dr. Crump extended an invitation to Dr. Carol Daron, AU; Dr. Tom Osborne, UNA; Dr. Joe Morris, Jefferson State; and Dr. Roy Johnson, Southern Union, to be participants in this subcommittee and all accepted the assignment.

After some discussion of the April 3 draft proposal, Dr. John Morrow made the request that the quarter and semester hours be fixed but be flexible, e.g., 4-5 semester hours and 8-10 quarter hours. Dr. Osborne expressed his opinion that pertinent courses, in the general curriculum, should be listed instead of stated in number of quarter or semester hours. Several others had some requests to change the wording to clarify statements in different areas of the draft proposal. Dr. Charles Nash suggested that a glossary should be included in the final document that would define terms to be used at each campus.

Before adjourning for lunch, Dr. Tom Osborne recognized the loss of a Committee member, Dr. Bessie Jones, Alabama A&M University. He praised her good work, And her commitment to the Articulation and General Studies Committee. Dr. Crump informed the Committee that he had made a contribution to the Bessie Jones Scholarship fund in the name of the Committee, and invited members and alternates to Assist him in the gift.

The Committee reconvened at 1:17 P.M. and began hearing: the scheduled presentations from different groups concerning the proposed curriculum. Dr. Jimmy Simpson, President Alabama Music Educators Association made his presentation for the overall wording in the Humanities section to specify "the arts" instead of "art" which suggested visual art forms only. He also requested that performance courses be included in the curriculum stating that this area of the arts was equal to laboratory experience: in the sciences. After comments and questions from the committee, Dr. Simpson agreed that a 3 semester-hour requirement would be sufficient for exposing individual students to this area of Humanities.

Next was Dr. McIntosh, President, Association of Alabama Community College Physical Educators. The summation: of his presentation was to have a separate category for, wellness and physical education that would require a minimum of a 3 quarter hour credits preferably, 5 quarter hours. After much discussion with the Committee members, Dr. Crump asked Dr. McIntosh to send a letter to the group explaining exactly what the Association wants to be included by the Committee. Dr. Nash interjected that a generic course description might also be helpful.

Dr. Nicholas Gerogiannis, Past-President, Alabama Council for International Programs (ACIP), gave an eloquent and informative report to the Committee expressing the desire of ACIP to have international courses included in the Humanities or Social Sciences section of the draft proposal. The Committee thanked him for his report and remarked that: his request would be given consideration in the final document and the implementation of the general studies curriculum.

Dr. Ralph Miller, representing the Alabama Alliance for Arts Education, was the last of the presenters. He reiterated and emphasized Dr. Simpson's request of including performance courses in the Humanities to be as lab experience in the Sciences. Dr. Miller also requested that the Committee consider moving Philosophy and Religion from the Humanities division and placing them in the category of History and Social Science. Dr. Miller also requested that the wording in the section of Humanities be modified to include the origins and history of dance.

Dr. Crump thanked everyone for their interest in the draft proposal and stated that he would do his best to keep them informed of any changes. He expressed his appreciation to the presenters for staying within the time limitations and their responses to questions from the committee members. Dr. Crump announced that the next meeting would be held May 26, in Gulf Shores, Alabama, at the new Faulkner Campus and that the June meeting would be held in Troy Alabama.

The Articulation and General Studies Committee adjourned at 3:12 P.M.

Donald Crump, Chair