

ALABAMA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
Articulation and General Studies Committee
Terrace Room/University Center
University of South Alabama
Mobile, Alabama
April 5, 1996

Minutes of Meeting

The Articulation and General Studies Committee (AGSC) meeting was called to order by Dr. Joe Morris at 10:00 A.M. The following Committee members were present:

Dr. Joe Morris, Chair	Jefferson State Community College
Dr. Julius Brown, Alternate	Wallace Community College-Selma
Dr. Don Crump	University of Alabama
Dr. Charles Nash, Alternate	University of Alabama System
Dr. Paul Parks	Auburn University
Dr. Carol Daron, Alternate	Auburn University
Dr. Harold McGee	Jacksonville State University
Dr. Tom Osborne	University of North Alabama
Dr. Evelyn Ellis	Alabama A&M University
Dr. John Morrow	University of South Alabama
Dr. Larry Allen, Alternate	University of South Alabama
Dr. Roy Johnson	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Roosevelt Steptoe	Alabama State University
Dr. Yvonne Kennedy	Bishop State Community College
Dr. Robert Pullen, Ex Officio	Troy State University
Dr. Elizabeth C. French, Ex Officio	Commission on Higher Education

Others Present: Victoria Rivizzigno-ACCUFP, Richard Vinson-ACCUFP, Jean McIver-ACETA, Jimmy Holley-TSU, Michael Woods-TSU, Bert Slafter-ADPSE, and Joey Holley-TSU STARS.

Dr. John Morrow introduced Dr. Frederick Whiddon, President-USA, who gave the official welcome to the Committee to the University of South Alabama campus. Committee members and guests introduced themselves. Dr. Joe Morris gave an overview of the charge of the Committee and its progress to date.

The Minutes of the March 6, 1996 meeting were accepted and approved with the exception of one correction on page two, paragraph one which should read, "There are 19 discipline committees being proposed and 9 pre-professional committees."

Discipline Committee Subject Areas. Dr. Don Crump reported on the Proposed Discipline Committee Subject Areas to be covered. He stated that he circulated the proposed list to the Chief Academic Officers with a response deadline of April 2, 1996. Eight institutions responded. He provided the Committee with a Summary of Responses to the Proposed Discipline Committee Subject Areas (copy attached). After discussion regarding the responses to the Summary, Dr. Roy Johnson moved that Economics be moved to Area IV as a separate discipline committee. Seconded by Dr. Evelyn Ellis. Motion passed. There was some discussion regarding concerns in adding a pre-professional committee in Public Administration, establishing a separate committee for Area/Ethnic Studies, and adding a Criminal Justice committee to Area IV; adding Human Geography to Anthropology and Sociology, and combining English and Literature. The Committee decided to leave these disciplines as listed on the March 15 draft. Dr. Crump moved for the adoption of the Proposed Discipline Committee Subject Areas with the addition of Economics as a separate committee and the addition of Human Geography to Anthropology Sociology. Dr. Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

Discipline Committee Composition, Appointment, and Selection. Dr. Morris reported on the Discipline Committee Composition, Appointment, and Selection. Dr. Paul Parks raised concerns that the committees are too large and that the costs of travel should be considered. He recommended that the committee should consist of 10 members with a rotation membership. Dr. Osborne suggested that the committees should consist of 10 to 15 members. Dr. Brown stated that the process for communication and opportunity to participate is more important than size. Anyone who has a concern should be able to address the discipline committee. Dr. French suggested that opportunity should be given to those who wanted to attend meetings, but only discipline committee members would vote. After a lengthy discussion, the Committee agreed that the intent of the composition of the discipline committees is the concern for the discipline statewide, not individual institutions.

The Committee agreed that recommendations will come from the discipline committees to the Articulation Committee for final approval. The Committee agreed that there should be 10 to 12 members on a committee and that meetings will be open. A letter will be sent to each Chief Academic Officer soliciting their nominations to the discipline committees. The Pre-professional, Area V, discipline committees will have membership representation from all institutions.

Dr. Joe Morris will make corrections and modifications to the composition, appointments, and selection of the discipline committees and fax to Committee members for review. A revised document will be presented at the next meeting.

Area V. Dr. McGee distributed a copy of his response letter to Dr. McChesney, President-UM, which responded to concerns Dr. McChesney had regarding the Articulation Committee's charge as it relates to Area V (copies attached). After some discussion regarding the Committee's approach to Area V, Dr. Crump volunteered to develop a working document for the Committee in the form of a matrix which will show majors in a given discipline. He stated that this approach will also give the Committee an idea of which Deans groups to work with and how much work will be involved.

Dr. Crump stated that the following groups have already worked out Area V: Engineering, Education, Business, Allied Health, Nursing, Social Work. Home Economics is still pending. He stated that the Committee will probably need to meet with some Deans/groups such as Communication, Criminal Justice and Computer Science. Dr. Crump suggested that the Committee touch base with the group representatives and re-define the approved general studies curriculum and ask them to affirm their

Area V specifications. Dr. Crump recommended that the proposed matrix be reviewed by the Committee first.

Tasks Assigned to Discipline Committees. Dr. Tom Osborne presented a draft of the Tasks Assigned to Discipline Committees. After some discussion, revisions were made to tasks 1, 2, 6, and 8. Dr. Osborne made a motion for the approval of the Tasks Assigned to the Discipline Committees with corrections. Dr. Crump seconded. Motion passed. A copy of revised Tasks Assigned to the Discipline Committees is attached.

Proposed Procedure After Establishment of Discipline Committees. Dr. Morris suggested that this document be reviewed by the Committee and discussed at the next meeting (copy attached).

Review of Timelines. Dr. Morris presented the proposed timeline for the Articulation Committee (copy attached). It was noted that the Committee is three months behind the January 31, 1996 deadline for the establishment of the discipline committees. Dr. Morris will revise the timeline and submit to the members prior to the next meeting.

STARS. Dr. Pullen distributed an update of the two-year and four-year colleges currently on line with STARS which also included a systemwide usage report for the month of March (copy attached). All institutions are expected to be on line by the Fall. Dr. Pullen asked the Committee to consider the proposal he made in February regarding Internet access. The Committee discussed funding, an appeals system for students, and a student's ability to view STARS information. Dr. Johnson recommended that STARS link with the Alabama Research Education Network (AREN). The Committee requested that Dr. Pullen contact Ben Barnes, AREN, regarding funding needed, accessibility, etc. and report his findings back to the Committee.

Dr. Morris circulated a proposed format for letterhead to be used by the Committee. Committee members were in agreement with the exception of adding the "State of Alabama" at the top.

Dr. Morris gave members a list of the next scheduled meetings of the Committee:

May 10, 1996	Wallace Community College-Selma
June 14, 1996	Faulkner State University-Gulf Shores
July 11, 1996	Department of Postsecondary Education
August 12, 1996	Jacksonville State University

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

Joe Morris, Chair