

ALABAMA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
Articulation and General Studies Committee
Auburn University
Auburn University Hotel and Conference Center
Auburn, Alabama
November 4, 1996

Minutes of Meeting

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

Dr. Paul Parks, Vice Chair	Auburn University
Dr. Carol Daron, Alternate	Auburn University
Dr. Don Crump	University of Alabama
Dr. Charles Nash, Alternate	University of Alabama System
Dr. Harold McGee	Jacksonville State University
Dr. John Morrow	University of South Alabama
Dr. Larry Allen, Alternate	University of South Alabama
Dr. Tom Osborne	University of North Alabama
Dr. Evelyn Ellis	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Alfred Smith	Alabama State University
Dr. Roy Johnson	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Rod Britt, Alternate	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Gary Branch, Alternate	Faulkner State Community College
Dr. Elizabeth French	Commission on Higher Education
Dr. James Kimbrough	STARS
Mr. Keith Sessions, Alternate	STARS

Others Present: Bert Slafter-ADPE, Paul Allen-UA, Robert Barrow-USA, Bobby Roberson-Bevill State, Nancy Anderson-AUM, Michael Moran-AU, Stephen Hood-USA, Victoria Rivizzigno-USA-ACCUFP, Jayne Meyer-SDE, Mike Neilson-UAB, Richard Wilmarth-CACC, Rebekah Pindzola-AU, Margaret Fitch-Hauser-AU, Jan Enstrom-AUM, Joey Holley-STARS, Pat Covey-USA, Betty Canaan-UAB, Bob Boyd-AU, Ellen Gunter-CVCC, Alan Belches-TSUD, Terry Hickey-UAB, Larry Gerber-AU, and Frank Walters-AU.

President William Muse welcomed everyone to the Auburn University campus. Committee members and guests introduced themselves. Dr. Roy Johnson introduced Ms. Susan Salatto, Southern Union Community College as an alternate appointed by Dr. Gainous.

The minutes of the meeting of September 18, 1996 were approved.

Dr. Parks opened the meeting for discussion and approval of the guidelines and criteria for courses in Areas I-IV of the General Studies curriculum submitted by the Discipline Committees who met on September 27, 1996. Dr. Crump distributed a summary (attached) of recommendations that were made by the Discipline Committees which were beyond their charge. He went through each discipline where concerns were raised. Dr. Crump then distributed a summary of the guidelines and criteria for courses in Areas I-IV of the general studies curriculum submitted by each of the Discipline Committees. The Discipline Committee chairs will receive these drafts and make any editorial changes they deem necessary. The Guidelines and Criteria will then be mailed to the Chief Academic Officers with a cover form and outline for submissions of course proposals.

The guidelines and criteria for the following disciplines were unanimously approved by the Committee:

Literature	Philosophy and Religious Studies
Foreign Language	Art & Art History
Music & Music History	Theater & Dance
Area & Ethnic Studies	Anthropology, Sociology, Human Geography
Political Science	

The guidelines and criteria for the following disciplines were approved by the Committee with the provisions listed below:

Discipline	Provision
Written Composition	Item #6 should read, "Should be taught with 25 or fewer students..." Item #8 for freshman-level course 101 and 102 should read, "A grade of C or better must be required for passing and transfer of credit"
Speech	Item #5 "Course enrollments must be 25 students or less to the extent possible"
Mathematics	Pre-calculus description submitted by Math discipline committee (attached) accepted.
Chemistry	Chemistry and Society course will be deleted from course titles.
Geology, Physical Geography, Earth Science	Statement will be submitted to include description of course topics. Environmental Science courses should be included.
Physics, Physical Science, Astronomy	Statement will be submitted to include description of course topics.

Economics	Microeconomics and Macroeconomics course descriptions distributed (attached). Third option would be a combination of Microeconomics and Macroeconomics.
Psychology	AGSC will discuss at a later time the title "Lifespan Development".
Biological Science	Add to course titles not appropriate: Human Anatomy and Physiology.
History	"global" used under criteria instead of holistic.

The following pre-professional committee updates were given:

Discipline	Status
Agriculture	Developed.
Criminal Justice	Awaiting Area V recommendations.
Communications	Recommendations presented and distributed (attached). AGSC will review.
Nursing	Dr. John Morrow presented recommendations. Recommends course in Ethics in Area II; course in Inorganic Chemistry in Area III- course in Psychology in Area IV; Area V: Human Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, Human Development, Nutrition and Statistics. Remaining work to be completed in Sociology, Anthropology, Political Science, Economics, and Psychology. Committee will be provided with a copy of recommendations and will act on recommendations at next meeting.
Communications Disorders	Recommendations and concerns presented (attached). AGSC representative will meet with this group to work out concerns.
Speech Pathology	Recommendations distributed for courses for Area V in Communications Disorders (attached). AGSC representative will meet with this group to work out concerns.
Allied Health	Recommendations presented (attached). Will be considered by AGSC at next meeting.

Dr. Jane Meyer presented recommendations on the B.S. Degree in Education (attached). After some discussion, the Committee accepted the recommendations.

The Committee answered questions from guests regarding transfer of native students.

Dr. Parks reminded the Committee that a request to Chief Academic Officers for submission of courses that are to be reviewed by the Discipline Committees will soon be mailed. The Committee will send out a call for proposals on or about December 1, 1996. Dr. Parks asked who would be handling the proposals coming in. Keith Sessions, STARS agreed to accept course proposals from the four-year institutions and Dr. Bert Slafter, ADPE agreed to accept course proposals from the two-year institutions.

After some discussion regarding quarter/semester systems for all institutions in the state, Dr. Roy Johnson made a motion recommending that all schools move to the semester system. Dr. John Morrow seconded. After discussion, the Committee decided to recommend by letter to the Council of Presidents and the State Board of Education that all institutions be on the semester system.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for December 4, 1996 in Montgomery at the Department of Postsecondary Education.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Paul Parks, Vice Chair