

ALABAMA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
Articulation and General Studies Committee
Department of Postsecondary Education
President's Conference Room
Montgomery, Alabama
September 18, 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. Yvonne Kennedy	Bishop State Community College
Dr. Roy Johnson	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Rod Britt	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Paul Mohr, Representative	Commission on Higher Education
Dr. Robert Pullen	STARS

Others Present: Bert Slafter-ADPE, James Kimbrough-STARS, Keith Sessions- STARS, Wendell Smith-UM, Joe Langston-JSU, Curtis Colesner-ASC, Tom Jandebens-ASC, Mary Weisskopt-UAH, Regina Colston-A&M, Brent Smith-UAB, Chelzen Samkor-AU, Martha Paxton- AU, Margaret Fitch-Hauser-AU, Tom Petee-AU, Victor Ortloff-TSU, Verne McClury-AUM, Gerald Culton-UA, Mark Hickson-UAB, Warren Jones-UAB, Freda Hartman-TSUM, Jan Enstrom-AUM, Pat Covey-USA, David Brown-UA, Charles Harbour-UM, John Watkins-UA, Yaw-Chin Ho-AUM, Bob Boothe- ADPE, Steve Padzett-TSU, Jerry Hattaway-TSU, Tom Barker-JSU, Martha McCormack-JSU, Ed Mullins-UA, Oscar Beck-UNA, Billy Lindsey-UNA, Bill Hursteller-UA, Jan Frennie-A&M, and Ron Ball-TSUD.

Committee members and guests introduced themselves. Guests consisted of staff and faculty from the areas of Communications, Criminal Justice, Computer Science, and Speech Pathology.

Dr. Parks stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the general studies curriculum as it relates and affects the pre-professional programs (Communications, Criminal Justice, Computer

Science, and Speech Pathology). Dr. Parks began by giving an overview of the Articulation Committee's charge and responsibilities. He also gave a detailed overview of how Areas I through V of the General Studies Curriculum were developed. Dr. Don Crump gave an overview of the Committee's work thus far which included an outline of work already accomplished (copy attached). Dr. Harold McGee explained to the group how Area V of the general studies curriculum can be utilized. Dr. Osborne reminded the group that it is not necessary to make specifications in order to fill up Area V, but that the Committee is more concerned about the needs in Area V. Dr. Roy Johnson asked the group to define pre-professional courses that an institution will accept from transfer students as well as native students. Dr. Parks stated that recommendations to the Committee should be received by November 1, 1996. He stated that the Committee members are available to meet with any group before recommendations are submitted. After some discussion, the four pre-professional groups represented met in separate groups to discuss recommendations and concerns.

After a twenty -minute caucus, Dr. Parks opened the floor for discussion. The following concerns were addressed and noted by the Committees:

Communications. Satisfied with Areas I through IV. There were some concerns about Oral Communication being a part of the core requirements. It was decided that this requirement will be placed in the Humanities or Area V. This group will make recommendations to the Committee by November 1. Dr. Nash requested that this group provide a written explanation to the Committee of the differences in Oral Communication and Oral Communication Literacy.

Criminal Justice. Satisfied with Areas I through IV. This group will make recommendations by November 1.

Computer Science. It was decided that three tracks will probably need to be set up. Some institutions have MIS programs and some do not. They need to meet with several other groups before they make recommendations to the Committee. Dr. Parks stated that the Articulation Committee will assist in convening a meeting with the appropriate groups if necessary. He also stated that the Committee will confer with the Business and Engineering Deans to confirm that Science and Math based programs were considered.

Speech Pathology. Satisfied with Areas I through IV. Questioned if specific requirements had to be made in Area V. The Committee's response was that Area V does not have to be used but that transferable courses must be defined. Some expressed concern that there are many differences among the institutions in the 100 and 200 level courses. The Committee's response was that these courses must be common. This group will meet again to make recommendations by November 1.

The meeting of the pre-professional committees was adjourned at 12:15.

The Articulation Committee reconvened at 1: 10 P.M. The minutes of the August 12, 1996 meeting were approved. Dr. Parks informed the Committee that the September 27th meeting with the Discipline Committees will be held at Southern Union Community College Performing Arts Center. Committee members agreed that the Committee will meet in the Dome Building, President's Conference Room at 10:00 A.M. Dr. Parks stated that the Preliminary Session will begin in the Performing Arts Center at 10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. The Discipline Committees will then have individual breakout sessions from 11:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. in the Higginbotham Building with a box lunch. Dr. Roy Johnson will give a welcome and outline of the day. Dr. Don Crump will give a summary of the Committee's work and the

deliberations leading to the general studies curriculum. Dr. Paul Parks will give an overview of the general studies curriculum and the charge of the Committee. The following is a list of discipline committees and their Articulation Committee Liaison:

Written Composition	Carol Daron
Literature	Carol Daron
Foreign Languages	Evelyn Ellis
Music & Music History	Don Crump
Art & Art History	Don Crump
Theater & Dance	Roy Johnson
Speech	Gary Branch
Philosophy & Religious Studies	Robert Pullen
Area/Ethnic Studies	Julius Brown
Mathematics	John Morrow
Geology, Physical Geography, & Earth Science	John Morrow
Biological Sciences	Paul Parks
Chemistry	Paul Parks
Physics, Physical Science, & Astronomy	Larry Allen
History	Tom Osborne
Economics	Tom Osborne
Anthropology, Sociology, Human Geography	Rod Britt
Psychology	Rod Britt
Political Science	Harold McGee

Minutes for each session will be left in Dr. Rod Britt's office. Copies will be provided to Committee members.

Dr. Crump presented the Information and Charge to Academic Discipline Committees (copies attached) to be distributed to each Discipline Committee on September 27th. He also distributed Minimum Elements Required in Syllabus for Courses Achieving General Studies Designation (copy attached) for the Discipline Committee's review and approval. After some discussion, the Committee made the following changes to the Charge:

1. To elect a committee chair and to serve for one year; and elect a recorder.
2. Deleted.
3. To ensure that prerequisite courses are approved and are part of the general studies curriculum.

Dr. Crump will make the appropriate corrections to the Charge and include for the Mathematics Committee a description of Mathematics requirements which was developed by Dr. Morris.

The Committee decided that telephone calls will be made to insure that the Discipline Committees received notification of the September 27th meeting. Dr. Rod Britt will contact the two-year sector. Dr. Don Crump will contact the four-year sector.

Dr. Roy Johnson stated his concern that the Articulation Committee Chair has such a great responsibility and expense in getting meeting materials and other information collated and mailed to the appropriate people, particularly materials from Discipline Committee meetings. He made a motion to have a part-time secretary paid from the Articulation Committee budget to help with the work. Dr. John Morrow seconded. Motion passed.

Dr. Robert Pullen gave a brief report of institutions on-line with STARS (copy attached). He distributed a Revised Additional Funding Request to set up an INTERNET site for both STARS and the Articulation Committee (copy attached) for the Committee's review. Dr. Pullen introduced Dr. James Kimbrough as the new STARS director. Dr. Kimbrough will replace Dr. Pullen on the Articulation Committee. Dr. Roy Johnson stated that at some point the Committee will need to request the funds in the Revised Funding Request as a part of the Articulation budget. Dr. Parks stated that the Committee will discuss the budget in more detail at the December meeting.

The next meeting of the Articulation Committee will be at Auburn University. Dr. Paul Parks will notify the Committee of the date and time.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 P.M.

Paul Parks, Vice Chair