

STATE OF ALABAMA
Articulation and General Studies Committee
Faulkner State Community College
Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management Building
Gulf Shores, Alabama
July 11, 1997

Minutes of Meeting

Committee members present:

Dr. Evelyn Ellis, Chair	Alabama A&M University
Dr. Joe Morris	Jefferson State Community College
Dr. Paul Parks	Auburn University
Dr. James Yarbrough	University of Alabama
Dr. Charles Nash, Alternate	University of Alabama System
Dr. Roy Johnson	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Rod Britt, Alternate	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Larry Allen	University of South Alabama
Dr. Yvonne Kennedy	Bishop State Community College
Dr. Alfred Smith	Alabama State University
Dr. Gary Branch	Faulkner State Community College
Dr. Ed Roach	University of West Alabama
Dr. Paul Mohr, Sr.	Commission on Higher Education
Dr. James Kimbrough	STARS
Mr. Keith Sessions	STARS

Others present: Michael Neilson-UAB; Jay Goldman-UAB; Jeannie Ard-FSCC; Jim Coats-FSCC; Maryanne Ivey-UAB; J. Foster Watkins-UAB Walker; Harold McGee-JSU; Suzanne McGill-USA; Linda Johnson-SUCC; and Susan Salatto-SUCC.

CALL TO ORDER	Meeting was called to order by Evelyn Ellis, Chair. Verification of quorum was made by voice roll call of members present.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	The Minutes of the June 18th meeting were approved with corrections.

DECISION ITEMS

Area V. Parks reported that a subcommittee of the Articulation Committee met with the Chief Academic Officers (CAOs) on July 8, 1997. Dr. Ed Roach then gave a summary of the outcome of the meeting. Roach stated that the CAOs decided to establish a task force composed of seven members with representatives to resolve issues relative to the AGSC's role in reviewing and monitoring courses beyond those approved as part of the general studies curriculum. The seven member task force is as follows:

Dr. Samuel McManus-UAH (University of Alabama Representative)
Dr. Paul Parks-AU
Dr. Alfred Smith-ASU (Alabama State and Alabama A&M Representative)
Dr. Nicholas Sylvster-USA
Dr. Livingston Alexander-TSUM (Regional Universities Representative)
Dr. Ed Roach-UWA (Regional Universities Representative)
Dr. David Watts-JSU (Regional Universities Representative)

The following individuals will also join the task force as resource persons:

Dr. Joe Morris-JSCC
Dr. Rod Britt-SUCC
Dr. Bert Slaffer-ADPE

Interdisciplinary Course Recommendations. Britt recommended a list of interdisciplinary/honors courses to the AGSC for approval (copy attached). Britt stated that since the Interdisciplinary Committee did not feel that Mass Media & Society (AUM) and Mathematics Computer Programming (Enterprise Jr. College) were appropriate for the general studies designation, these courses were not approved by the Committee. Morris moved for the approval of the recommended interdisciplinary/honors courses. Allen seconded. AGSC unanimously accepted recommendations.

Resubmission Procedures for Course Proposals. Morris stated concern regarding resubmission of course proposals. After some discussion of the Committee regarding the necessity to resubmit course proposals that had already been approved, it was decided that once a course has been approved for general studies designation, the course remains approved and does not need to be resubmitted to the AGSC for review unless the faculty believes that substantive changes are made that alter the basic nature of the course. Allen moved for the adoption of this policy. Britt seconded. AGSC unanimously adopted the policy.

Retention of Course Proposals and Syllabi. After some discussion regarding the appropriate agencies to keep course proposals and syllabi, the AGSC agreed that copies would be kept by STARS (original), the institution, and the Chair of the AGSC.

Annual Report of Committee Proceedings. Ellis stated that in order to achieve a smooth transition of the chairmanship and to keep an accurate record of the progress and proceedings of the Committee, an annual report should be prepared by the outgoing Chair. Kennedy moved for the adoption of this policy. Britt seconded. AGSC Committee members unanimously adopted the policy.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Faculty Senate Resolution. After some discussion regarding the resolution submitted to the AGSC by the Faculty Senate (copy attached), the Committee decided to address their concerns at the September 12th meeting. The Committee also agreed that it would be more productive to address the concerns of the Chief Academic Officers before any decisions were made regarding the resolution of the Faculty Senate.

STARS. Johnson stated that the Committee should begin to work toward getting the STARS budget in line with the responsibility they will have for the INTERNET and their work with the submission of course proposals.

Articulation Committee Member Appointments. Ellis received letters which indicated that Committee appointments have been received from USA-Dr. Larry Allen; UWA-DR. Don Hines, and Dr. Glenda M. Curry-TSUM.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

September 12	UAB
October 9	To be announced
November 14	To be announced

The Committee will not meet in August or December, 1997.

The Committee decided that future meetings will be scheduled on alternating Thursdays and Fridays of each month.

Report on STARS. Sessions gave an updated report of the institutions on-line (copy attached). Sessions also explained the mechanics of getting a Webpage for the STARS program. He stated that the STARS staff is working with other programmers to find out how to secure the proper protection of information needed for a WebPage. He stated that the protection measure is needed so that persons would not be able to change Information without authority.

INFORMATION ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

1. Interdisciplinary/Honor courses recommended for approval (copy attached).
2. STARS On-line report (copy attached).

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Evelyn Ellis, Chair

Deborah Nettles, Recording Secretary