

STATE OF ALABAMA
Articulation and General Studies Committee
Department of Postsecondary Education
Alabama Center for Commerce Building
Coast Conference Room
March 11, 1999
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Committee members present:

Dr. Roy Johnson, Chair	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Rod Britt, Alternate	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Linda Glaze, Alternate	Auburn University
Dr. Alfred Smith, Alternate	Alabama State University
Dr. Joe Morris	Jefferson State Community College
Dr. Charles Nash, Alternate	University of Alabama
Dr. James Yarbrough	University of Alabama
Dr. Larry Allen	University of South Alabama
Dr. Susanne McGill, Alternate	University of South Alabama
Dr. Robert Potts, Alternate	University of North Alabama
Dr. Mike Malone, Alternate	Troy State University/Dothan
Dr. Elizabeth C. French	Commission on Higher Education
Dr. Yvonne Kennedy	Bishop State Community College
Mr. Keith Sessions	STARS
Dr. James Kimbrough	STARS

Others present: Maryanne Ivey-UAB; Michael Neilson-UAB; Wendy Troxel-UAB; Shannon Nichols-STARS; and Bert Slafter-ADPE.

CALL TO ORDER	Meeting was called to order by Dr. Roy Johnson, Chair. Verification of quorum was made by voice roll call of members present.
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Smith moved for the adoption of the agenda. Morris seconded. AGSC unanimously adopted.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	The June 1999 meeting of the AGSC will be held on June 17, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Postsecondary Education.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Yarbrough moved for the approval of the Minutes of January and February, 1999. Britt seconded. Minutes were approved as mailed.
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DISCUSSION ITEMS

STARS Update & Usage Report. Sessions distributed copies of the STARS Update and Usage Report (copy attached #4). The report included usage information by major, by two-year institutions, and the total number of access usage since July, 1998. Sessions stated that STARS is currently focusing on building guides for two year to four year transfer.

Teacher Education Templates. Morris stated that the Deans of Education are still working on the templates. He reiterated that once all the arts and sciences templates are complete, the Deans will work directly from them to finalize their recommendations. He stated that April 19th is the target date for completion.

College System Directory. Slafter stated that the 1999-2000 College System Directory will be published on the web by March 15, 1999. He distributed copies of a letter that has been sent to CAOs regarding web access (copy attached #3). He stated that disks will no longer be available. The directory may be accessed from the Alabama College System web site (<http://www.acs.cc.al.us>).

Quality Assessment. Malone asked for an update on where the AGSC was on assessing the efficiency and effectiveness of Articulation. Johnson stated that the AGSC has been operating thus far to complete the templates and get them on-line. He stated that the AGSC will set aside time for a roundtable discussion on the assessment issue as soon as all templates have been completed.

DECISION ITEMS

Ratification of Templates. Ritvo presented 17 templates submitted by the Enhanced Discipline Committees (copies attached-#1).

Behavioral Science Template (Athens State). There was discussion regarding policies and procedures in submitting templates. Ritvo stated that the Chief Academic Officers (CAO) understood the process to be that existing templates are for all current and future programs in the Area and that the template was for the profession and the discipline, not the institution. Thus, once a template is approved it becomes the model template for future submissions in that Area.

Johnson stated that the position of the AGSC has been that if the template is for one institution, that institution must specify programs in Area V. He stated that an alternative would be to remove the name of the institution from the template and place a written note in Area V referring students to the home pages of individual institutions.

Yarbrough stated that the AGSC has never addressed the issue of how long the templates will be in effect or if they may be changed. He stated that the question is what would be the process by which change occurs.

After further discussion, Malone moved that the AGSC ratify the template as unique to Athens State with the condition that the CAOs specify the remaining courses in Area V. Kennedy seconded. AGSC unanimously approved.

The AGSC unanimously ratified the following templates:

Athletic Training	Public Administration (AU)
Biology	Public Safety Administration (Athens)
Economics	Science Management
English	Textile Engineering, Textiles Chemistry, & Textile Management Technology(AU)
Geography	Theatre and Dance
History	

The AGSC ratified the following templates with the condition that Area V programs be specified:

Behavioral Science (Athens)	Health Services Administration (AU) Specify Math
Criminology	Instrumentation (Athens) Specify Math electives
Health Science	Pharmacy-revised (Auburn) – add Ethics and Specify Math

Discipline Committee Course Recommendations. Sessions distributed a list of courses recommended for approval from the following Discipline Committees (copy attached #2): 1) Economics; 2)Music; and Psychology.

Morris moved for the approval of the Discipline Committee recommendations. Malone seconded. AGSC unanimously approved.

Interdisciplinary/Honors/Innovation (IHI) Course Recommendations. No course proposals were submitted for approval.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

April 16, 1999	Department of Postsecondary Education President’s Conference Room – 2 nd Floor
May 20, 1999	Department of Postsecondary Education President’s Conference Room – 2 nd Floor

INFORMATION ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

1. Ratification of Templates (Ritvo)
2. Discipline Committee Course Recommendations (Sessions)
3. Announcement of Common Course Directory (Slafter)
4. STARS Update and Usage Report (Sessions)

The March meeting of the AGSC was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Roy Johnson, Chair

Deborah Nettles, Recording Secretary