

**STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**Articulation and General Studies Committee**  
**Alabama Center for Commerce Building**  
**President's Conference Room - 2nd Floor**  
**January 24, 2001**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Committee members present:

Dr. Rod Britt, Chair	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Barbara Jones, Alternate	Alabama A&M University
Dr. William Walker	Auburn University
Dr. Linda Glaze, Alternate	Auburn University
Dr. Ed Roach	University of West Alabama
Dr. Charles Nash, Alternate	University of Alabama System
Dr. Suzanne McGill	University of South Alabama
Dr. Michael Malone	Troy State University Dothan
Dr. Yvonne Kennedy	Bishop State Community College
Ms. Susan Salatto, Alternate	Southern Union Community College
Dr. Bert Slafter, Alternate	Department of Postsecondary Education
Dr. Elizabeth C. French	Commission on Higher Education
Dr. James Kimbrough	STARS

Others present: Jay Goldman-UAB; Maryanne Ivey-UAB; Nancy Gluth-UAB; Penelope Caine-UAB; Shannon Nichols-STARS; and Joey Holley-STARS.

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Meeting was called to order by Dr. Rod Britt, Chair. Verification of quorum was made by voice roll call of members present.
<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b>	Malone moved for the adoption of the agenda. Walker seconded. The agenda was adopted.
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>	Walker moved for the approval of the November minutes. Roach seconded. Minutes were approved.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**STARS Update & Usage Report.** Holley distributed copies of the STARS Update and Usage report for November and December, 2000 (copy attached - #2). Holley reported that there has been an increase in usage during registration. Nash requested that a bar graph report of monthly usage would be helpful in interpreting the numbers reported. French requested that the report capture each year that STARS has been tracking usage, such as a trend analysis report.

**Status Report on Area V web pages.** Holley distributed a report of the status of Area V/Transfer pages for the four-year institutions (copy attached - #2). He stated that Troy State Montgomery does not have an Area V web page but will soon.

There was discussion regarding the "required links" listed on the AGSC/STARS Area V/Transfer pages. Britt appointed a subcommittee (McGill-USA, Salatto-SUCC, and Nichols-STARS) to review and give recommendations to the AGSC on what links should be required and/or preferred. The subcommittee will report at the March meeting.

**ACHE baccalaureate program review/compliance with AGSC templates.** French stated that although she did not attend the CAOs meeting, there is no internal objection by ACHE to incorporate into the ACHE review process verification of the AGSC template requirements. This would require a certain number of changes that will need approval by the CAOs. Watts stated that the CAOs could address the issue at its meeting in March.

**Task Force on Assessment.** Nash distributed a copy of the Task Force Report (copy attached - #4). He reviewed the recommendation made by the committee. After discussion, the AGSC accepted the report of the Task Force.

## **DECISION ITEMS**

### **ACADEMIC COMMITTEES**

**Ratification of Templates.** Watts presented the following institution specific templates as information items (copies attached - #1):

Information Management/e-Commerce (JSU) - Revised

Social Science (TSU, TSUM, TSUD, UM)

He stated that these templates have been revised and sent to STARS for Academic Committee review. After the Academic Committee review, the Chief Academic Officers will review the templates at their meeting later this month.

**Engineering templates.** Watts distributed copies of the revised Biomedical Engineering (UAB) template (copy attached - #1). Ivey presented addendums made to the template in Areas II, III and IV. These addendums will be added to all engineering templates. Holley distributed an email received from Dr. Foley-USA addressing the revisions. The question presented to the AGSC was, "Does the discipline specific curriculum template take precedence over the AGSC approved general studies curriculum requirement?" The AGSC agreed that the answer is yes.

Glaze reminded the AGSC that advising comments should not be added to the STARS/AGSC template but to the institutional web page. Nash moved that the advising comments on the Biomedical Engineering template be deleted and placed on the UAB web site as advising information. Roach seconded. Motion carried. Holley will add addendums to the engineering templates and delete the asterisk reference for the history and literature requirement on the STARS web site.

**Elementary Education Science requirement.** Kimbrough reported that he talked with the chair of the Education Academic Committee and was told that a response was forthcoming by the AGSC January meeting. He stated that after he received no response, he contacted the chair and learned that the Academic Committee had not met and would meet April 16th. The Academic Committee chair requested that the AGSC chair write a letter requesting action from the Academic Committee. The chair will give a response before the May meeting of the AGSC.

At the November, 2000 meeting, the AGSC reviewed the Elementary/Early Childhood template. Several issues were addressed regarding Troy State University's science requirement. The AGSC unanimously voted to request that the Chief Academic Officers (CAOs) provide the AGSC with their interpretation of the intent of Area V as being mandatory for native students at all institutions.

Chief Academic Officers' Interpretation of Area V for Native Students. Based on this request, Watts distributed two resolutions recommended by the Chief Academic Officers (copy attached - #3).

There was lengthy discussion regarding the interpretation of the articulation legislation regarding the freshman and sophomore years.

Roach moved for the acceptance and endorsement of both resolutions submitted by the Chief Academic Officers as amended. Walker seconded. Motion carried.

The definitions in the resolutions will be placed on the STARS web site.

**Task Force on Four-year to Four-year Transfer Agreements.** After discussion, Malone moved that he would work with the STARS office to develop a user-friendly advising guide on four-year to four-year transfer to be posted on the AGSC/STARS web site. This guide would be for advising purposes only. Jones seconded. Motion carried.

## **OTHER ISSUES**

**UAB Course Numbering.** Ivey reported that due to semester conversion, there have been changes in course numbering at UAB. She stated that there are no other changes. A list of the course number changes has been given to STARS. A copy of the list is also available on the UAB web site.

**July Meeting of AGSC.** Malone requested that Committee members forward agenda items to him for the July meeting prior to the next two meetings.

## **SCHEDULE OF FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

March 15, 2001	Department of Postsecondary Education Montgomery, Alabama
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May 31, 2001	Department of Postsecondary Education Montgomery, Alabama
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## **INFORMATION ITEMS DISTRIBUTED**

1. Templates for Ratification (Watts)
2. STARS Update and Usage Report (Holley)
3. Resolutions from Chief Academic Officers (Watts)
4. Report of Task Force on Assessment (Nash)

The January 24, 2001 meeting of the AGSC adjourned at 2:05 P.M.

Rod Britt, Chair

Deborah Nettles, Recording Secretary