MEMORANDUM

TO: Alabama Council of Engineering Deans
FROM: Don Crump
RE: Articulation and General Studies Committee

December 7, 1995

Yesterday, the Articulation and General Studies Committee unanimously approved alternative general studies requirements for students in engineering. The alternative provisions require only 15 quarter hours or 9 semester hours in the humanities and fine arts and 15 quarter hours or 9 semester hours in history, social, and behavioral sciences. The requirement for a two-course sequence in history is eliminated and students may complete a two-course in-depth study in any discipline within the humanities, fine arts, history, social, or behavioral sciences. The total number of credit hours in Area V Preprofessional or Pre-Major Studies has been increased by 10 quarter hours or 6 semester hours. No changes were made in the requirements in Written Composition or Natural Sciences and Mathematics. A copy of the approved working draft applicable to engineering students is enclosed.

As you will recall from our November 27 meeting, you (engineering deans) agreed to develop Area V credit hour distribution or specific course requirements across the topics of Mathematics, Natural Science, and Computer Science that will be applicable to the more popular majors in engineering (e.g., civil, chemical, electrical, mechanical, and others). You agreed to have these to the Articulation and General Studies Committee by the end of March, 1996. The motion that was approved unanimously to accept the alternative requirements for engineering included the condition that Area V requirements for the more popular majors be provided by the due date.

On behalf of the AGSC, I am pleased that were able to develop a solution that best serves students in engineering. I look forward to your response regarding Area V requirements by March 31, 1996. If I or any member of the committee may be of assistance, please call on us.

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Enclosure

cc: Provosts/Academic Vice Presidents