



University Council

Educational Affairs Committee – 2018-2019

Mark Farmer, Arts and Sciences (Sciences), Chair

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences – Jean Williams-Woodward
(also representing Forestry and Natural Resources)

Arts and Sciences – Barbara Biesecker (Arts)

Steven Lewis (Sciences), absent

Business – Santanu Chatterjee

Education – Diane Cooper, absent

Environment and Design – Ronald Sawhill

(also representing Public Health, Social Work, and Ecology)

Family and Consumer Sciences – Denise Lewis, absent

Journalism and Mass Communication – Shira Chess

Public and International Affairs – Teena Wilhelm

Veterinary Medicine – Susan Williams, Ramaraja Ramasamy substituting

(also representing Pharmacy, Law, and Engineering)

Provost's Representative – Rahul Shrivastav

Undergraduate Student Representative – Matthew McDaniel

Graduate/Professional Student Representative – Dannie Chalk, absent

Guests: Kimani Beckford

Courtney Cullen

Patrick Femia

Allison Fine

Ammishaddai Grand-Jean

Phillip Griffeth

Joseph Hermanowicz

David Williams

The Educational Affairs Committee met on February 11, 2019, at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes of the October 22, 2018, meeting were approved.

Dr. Joseph Hermanowicz presented his proposal to revise Policy 4.02-3, University Policy on Course Drops and Withdrawals, to allow instructors to withdraw a student from their course due to excessive absences after the withdrawal deadline. Under the current policy, no administrative withdrawals are processed after the withdrawal deadline, and instructors who choose to withdraw a student after that time must assign a grade. The proposed revision would give instructors the option to instead assign a "W" to these students. After some discussion, the committee requested a revised draft proposal be provided for review. A motion was made to table the proposal. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

The Student Government Association presented a proposal to amend the current grading scale to include an A+ option. The proposal does not seek to amend the current GPA scale, only to provide a

designation of A+ on the academic transcript. After much discussion, no motion was made on this proposal.

The Student Government Association presented a proposal to amend Academic Affairs Policy No. 13, Syllabus. The proposed revision would include a mandatory statement on the master syllabi that provided information about mental health resources on campus. After some discussion, a motion was made to approve the proposal with friendly amendments. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved. This proposal was then forwarded to the University Curriculum Committee for consideration.

A proposed revision to the University Council Bylaws, Section 1.VII. Educational Affairs Committee, from the University Council Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees was presented to the committee. The proposed revision alters the structure of representation on the Educational Affairs Committee based on shifts in student enrollment in schools/colleges. The committee had no objection to this proposal being forwarded to Executive Committee.

The committee briefly discussed the current attendance policies and the need to update them. The committee will continue discussion of these policies in the future.

The committee briefly discussed potential revisions to the approved Daily Class Schedule. The committee will continue discussion of these revisions in the future.

The next meeting of the Educational Affairs Committee is scheduled for March 25, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.



Mark Farmer, Chair
Educational Affairs Committee

cc: Interim Provost Libby V. Morris
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav