

MINUTES
EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
August 20, 2003

Members Present: Malcolm Adams, Woody Beck, Brad Courtenay, Ann Crowther, Dan DerVartanian, Susan Sanchez, Karen Shetterley, Victor Wilson
Guests: Bruce Bongarten, Richard Morrison, Joel Caughren, James Anderson

Ann Crowther, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and asked all present to introduce themselves. Dr. Crowther provided an explanation of the duties and procedures of the Full Educational Affairs Committee (EAC) and the Petitions Subcommittee.

The first order of business was the election of the 2003-2004 Chair of the EAC. Dr. Malcolm Adams accepted the nomination and was elected by a unanimous vote. Next, the minutes of the April 15, 2003 meeting were approved.

Dr. Bruce Bongarten asked the members to consider an exception for Forest Resources majors to the University's policy requiring that students use no more than six semester hours of course work from another institution toward the major. Dr. Bongarten explained that Forest Resources majors typically have between 53-59 hours of required courses as compared to the average of 24 hours for most other majors on campus. Based on the percentage (25%) of transfer course work allowed by the University's policy, Forest Resources students would benefit by a waiver allowing them up to 15 hours of credit for transfer work.

The members discussed the possibility of other majors needing the same sort of variance but decided that for now, the waiver should be granted to all Forest Resources majors. The committee will discuss this requirement as it relates to other majors at a future meeting.

Next, Dr. Richard Morrison from the Department of Chemistry addressed the committee about the apparent discrepancy between the Franklin College's Grade Appeal process and the overall University's process. After much discussion, Dr. Morrison and Dr. James Anderson agreed to take the matter to the Franklin College's Senate.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m. The next EAC meeting will be September 22, 2003 at 12:15 p.m. in 105 Old College.