

MINUTES  
Educational Affairs Committee  
February 12, 1991

The committee met at 9:30 a.m. in the Dean's Conference Room of the College of Business Administration. Present were: Dan DerVartanian, Delmer Dunn, Peter Dress, Karen Kuers, Sharan Merriam, Stan Longman, David Radcliffe, Bruce Shutt, and Betty Whitten. Ileana Arias was absent. Also present was Dr. Betsey Barth of the College of Business. Dr. Whitten presided over the meeting.

The minutes of the January 28, 1991 meeting were approved as presented.

Dr. Whitten introduced Dr. Barth who presented a letter that she had written to the committee on behalf of the College of Business. The letter focused on the college's perception of inconsistencies in the criteria used for academic dismissal and those used for designating honors graduates. Academic dismissal utilizes only The University of Georgia grade point average to determine dismissal. The designation of honors graduation utilizes the student's overall grade point average, which includes transfer as well as University of Georgia work. Dr. Barth indicated that a more consistent policy would use the overall grade point average or University of Georgia grade point average to determine both honors designation and academic dismissal. She also stated that the clarity of presentation in the *Undergraduate Bulletin* was also an issue.

In the discussion that ensued several questions were posed that were designed to make the college's position as clear as possible. Dr. Barth answered the questions. Dr. Dunn pointed out that the new *Bulletin* contained new language in the academic dismissal section designed to make the presentation clearer. The changes were made by the Registrar's office in response to suggestions by Dr. Barth. The committee thanked Dr. Barth. After discussing the suggestion, the committee by common consent agreed to determine whether to recommend a change at a later meeting.

The committee discussed a policy on course drops and withdrawals as well as a policy on when changes on the *Bulletin* become effective. After making several changes in the proposed language, the committee deferred consideration of the policies.

The committee then turned to other items on the agenda. It was determined that the time remaining permitted discussion of University policy on course prerequisites, which permits departments to change course prerequisites after a prerequisite is approved by the Curriculum Committee. The problem has been that departments have changed prerequisites and enforced them before they were published in the *Undergraduate Bulletin*. The committee approved asking the Curriculum Committee to study and propose a policy that would require the approval of the Curriculum Committee for changing course prerequisites.

The next meeting was set for February 26, at 9:00 a.m. The committee adjourned at 10:45 a.m.