

Minutes  
Educational Affairs Committee Meeting  
February 17, 1994

Present: Professors Carol Meeks (Chair), Brenda Manning, Dwight Coulter, Peter Dress, Frances Teague, Betty Whitten, and Mr. Kevin Baer (Student Representative).

Dr. Meeks called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. on February 17.

The first item of business was a discussion of the criteria for Presidential Scholars and Dean's Lists. The Committee approved a rewording of the statement in the *University Bulletin* to ensure compliance with the intent.

The Committee approved a proposal from Dean Stuart Feldman in which he requested that a pharmacy student who meets University cumulative grade point average requirements and is receiving either the BSPHR or Pharm.D. as the first degree, be eligible for graduation with honors.

Dr. Whitten gave an update on the progress toward implementation of the new Academic Honesty Policy.

It was noted that there are three items remaining on the list of proposed agenda items for 1993-1994. These are: night school, advising, and a comprehensive policy for course substitution for disabled students. Dr. Meeks reviewed the membership of two recently appointed subcommittees. The members of the Subcommittee on Demographics of Night School are: Drs. Teague, Manning, Coulter, and Mr. Moore. Drs. Dress, Tinkham, and Whitten with Dr. Karen Kalivoda and Mr. Len Davis have been charged to develop a comprehensive policy for course substitution for disabled students.

The next Educational Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for March 17 at 10:30 p.m. in Room 208 Old College.

Respectively submitted,

Betty Whitten, Secretary



The following rationale for these changes was given by Mr. Moore: "The Committee feels that this change in policy and procedure will remove the functionless requirement that the deans' offices approve the course withdrawals and may, in fact, provide the instructional departments more relevant information regarding student withdrawal from its courses." The Georgia Academic Advising Committee (GAAC) wrote to EAC in support of the change. They stated that "there is little consistency from college to college in the steps students follow to withdraw. Many advisors are unable to counsel individual students about the desirability of staying in the class versus withdrawing because of the large numbers who do not start the process until immediately before the quarter's midpoint."

The Committee agreed to support the change in policy.

The Subcommittee on the proposed policy on course substitution and accommodation for students with disabilities reported that they were working on a new proposal. Members of the subcommittee include Peter Dress, Spencer Tinkham, and Betty Whitten. The Subcommittee is indebted to Mr. Len Davis (Director of EEO), Dr. Rosemary Jackson (Associate Director of the Learning Disabilities Center) and Dr. Karen Kalivoda (Administrative Specialist, Disabilities Services) for their assistance in drafting the proposal.

The Subcommittee studying the demographics of the Evening Class Student population reported that their work is progressing. Mr. Moore discussed the distribution of ages of entering freshmen in the Evening Division for the period from Fall 89 through Fall 93. (See attachment.)

Carol Meeks reported that the President's Office forwarded a request that EAC consider the issue of academic regalia again. Betty Whitten reviewed her discussions with the Bookstore and Dr. Carol Winthrop who worked with the Bicentennial Committee that considered this issue. In the past two factors have discouraged making such a change. These were the cost and the attractiveness of Georgia red robes. According to the Bookstore such robes cannot be rented and cost of red robes that are of sufficient quality to be attractive are beyond what most graduates are willing to pay. The Committee agreed to recommend that no changes be made in the current academic regalia policy.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Whitten, Secretary