

MINUTES
EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
February 6, 2002

Members Present: Denise Mewborn, William Barstow, Miguel Cabrera, Ann Crowther, Victoria Davion, James Hargrove, Elizabeth Kraft, Peggy Kreshel, Sylvia Pannell, Rick Tarleton, Brent Allison

Guest: Gary Moore, Registrar

Denise Mewborn, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. She thanked Sylvia Pannell and Tim Denny for agreeing to serve with her on the Provost's 2001-2002 Academic Honesty Appeals Committee. Dr. Mewborn reminded the members of upcoming Petitions Subcommittee dates and asked for volunteers for June and August Subcommittees.

The October 29, 2001 minutes of the Educational Affairs Committee were presented for approval. Elizabeth Kraft noted the incorrect spelling of her name. Professor Hargrove moved that the minutes be approved with the correction and the motion passed.

Gary Moore, Registrar presented the 2003-2004 Academic Calendar and requested permission to remove references to opening of residence halls from the calendar. The committee discussed options for eliminating the confusing reassignment of Thursday, April 29 to a Monday class schedule. Professor Kreshel moved that the 2003-2004 Academic Calendar presented by Mr. Moore, with the elimination of the reference to dorm openings, be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Barstow stated that the current practice of cancelling classes for Honor's Day is disruptive to lab courses. In addition, a Saturday ceremony would allow more family participation. Dr. Mewborn will prepare a letter for the Honor's Day Committee asking that they consider the pros and cons of holding Honor's Day on a Saturday and that they report their findings to the Educational Affairs Committee.

Next, the members discussed the Educational Affairs Committee's policy on posthumous degrees. It was decided that the current general guidelines allow the committee to grant posthumous degrees on a case by case basis and should not be revised.

Dr. Mewborn reported that Debbie Bell, from the Office of the Vice President for Instruction will prepare a list of University System of Georgia degree requirements not appealable at the University level. This list will be added to the OVPI's web page as a reference for students, faculty, and advisors.

Finally, Dr. Mewborn distributed a list of EAC members who will remain on the committee during the 2002-2003 year and are eligible to serve as the next chair of the Educational Affairs Committee. On behalf of the entire EAC, Dr. Barstow expressed his appreciation to Dr. Mewborn for her excellent leadership as chair. The members agreed to wait until the first meeting of the 2002-2003 academic year to elect the incoming chair.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:10 p.m.