

**MINUTES**  
**EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**January 21, 2000**

Members Present: David Williams, Judy Reiff, Annette Poulsen, Fred Stephenson, Dan DerVartanian, Ben Jackson, Tom Brown, Ann Crowther

Guests: Gary Moore - Registrar, Victor Wilson - Office of the President/ Student Affairs

David Williams, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

The minutes of the November 12, 1999 Educational Affairs Committee were approved. Dr. Williams thanked Dr. Reiff and Dr. Jackson for their service on a particularly lengthy Petitions Subcommittee meeting. He read a letter that he had received from the Franklin College Senate expressing their disapproval of Fall Break being aligned with the GA/FL football weekend. Dr. Williams reminded the Educational Affairs Committee members to attend the University Council meetings to support proposals passed by the EAC.

The members discussed the probation requirements approved by the University Council on 11/18/99 and suggested the following revision:

**Change in the Minimum Number of Hours Required Summer Semester for Students on Probation**

*Undergraduate students on probation must register for and complete a minimum of 9 semester hours each semester (6 semester hours summer semester) and earn a term average of at least 2.30 OR raise their cumulative grade point average so that it equals or exceeds the minimum required for their total hours attempted. These hours must be in courses number 1000 or above that are graded A-F exclusively. Courses in which grades of W, V, I, S, U, NR, or ER are received do not count toward the hours.*

This proposal passed unanimously and will be forwarded to the Executive Committee of University Council for consideration and placement on the February agenda.

Next, Victor Wilson presented calendar revisions to include an additional commencement ceremony to accommodate summer graduates and change of commencement date for Fall Commencement 2000 from Saturday, December 16, 2000 to Tuesday, December 19, 2000. The EAC members discussed concerns with travel issues and the change from a weekend to a weekday commencement, faculty attendance at an additional ceremony, and the additional workload placed on those who clear students for graduation.

The members agreed to forward the President's proposal to the Executive Committee with a letter from Dr. Williams supporting the idea of a summer commencement, but expressing concern about the proposed dates.

The members were reminded to review the EAC operating procedures that were included in the agenda and to e-mail suggested revisions to Debbie Bell. The procedures and suggested changes will be discussed at the next meeting, scheduled for March 24, 2000.

Approval of the 2001-2002 Academic Calendar was tabled for further discussion and will be presented at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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Members Present: David Williams, Dan DerVartanian, Jonathan Moore, Fred Stephenson, Judy Reiff, Ben Jackson, Annette Poulsen

Guests: Gary Moore - Registrar, Anne Allen - Office of International Education

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David Williams, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

The minutes of the September 24, 1999 Educational Affairs Committee were approved and Dr. Williams read a letter from President Adams thanking the Committee for its recommendation on the University's policy for scheduling activities on religious holidays.

Ms. Anne Allen was present to answer questions concerning a proposal from Dr. Richard Reiff requesting an exemption of the University's residency requirement for students who participate in University-approved study abroad programs or a University-approved exchange program. Dr. Reiff's proposal includes students who participate in a University-approved exchange program.

A motion was made to forward the following proposal to the University Council, seconded, and passed unanimously:

*University of Georgia students participating in a University-approved academic program (such as the National Student Exchange, UGA international exchange programs, and approved study abroad programs) are exempt from that part of the residency requirement that states 40 or the last 60 semester hours be completed at the University; in such cases students need only complete 40 semester hours at the University in order to satisfy the residency requirement.*

Next, the members discussed the University's 40 of the last 60 hours requirement for residency. Members discussed that 40 semester hours seems relatively low for residency and will consider proposing an increase in the number of hours required to be completed at UGA to satisfy this requirement.

At the request of the Executive Committee of University Council the dates for Spring Break 2001 were once again presented by Dr. Williams. At the September 24, 1999 meeting, the EAC voted to recommend March 3-11, 2001 for Spring Break. When these dates were presented to the Executive Committee, members suggested that the University should send a more positive message to Clarke County Schools by delaying Spring Break to March 19-23 in hopes that the school system could coordinate its Spring Break with UGA's. It was also recommended that Oconee County Schools should be contacted as well.

Dr. DerVartanian moved that Spring Break 2001 should be March 19-23. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. This information will be relayed to the University Council at its November 17, 1999 meeting.

Mr. Gary Moore, Registrar, asked the Committee to amend the 2000-2001 academic calendar by designating the first four days of the fall and spring semesters as the official drop/add period. This would allow students to attend two class meetings in both Monday/Wednesday/Friday and Tuesday/Thursday courses.

This proposal was passed unanimously.

The next order of business was a discussion about Dr. Ann Crowther request for a review of the policy regarding Presidential Scholar and Dean's List. The policy specifies that students must complete at least 12 hours with the required grade point average each term for these honors. The Advising Coordinators believe that because a Summer Semester full load is 6 hours, students should not be expected to complete the rigorous 12 hours that term for honors.

It was moved and passed unanimously that the Presidential Scholar and Dean's List policy be amended to reduce the number of hours a student must complete Summer Semester to 6.

Finally, the members considered a change of policy on graduation with honors submitted by Dr. Ann Crowther. Currently, only first baccalaureate degree candidates are eligible for graduation with honors. The members voted unanimously to allow joint or dual degree students to be eligible for graduation with honors, effective Spring Semester 2000. The Committee recommends that references to only first baccalaureate degree candidates' eligibility for graduation with honors be removed from University publications.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Full Educational Affairs Committee is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. January 14, 2000.