University Council

Educational Affairs Committee – 2018-2019
Mark Farmer, Arts and Sciences (Sciences), Chair
Agricultural and Environmental Sciences – Jean Williams-Woodward
(also representing Forestry and Natural Resources)
Arts and Sciences – Barbara Biesecker (Arts)
Steven Lewis (Sciences), absent
Business – Santanu Chatterjee
Education – Diane Cooper, absent
Environment and Design – Ronald Sawhill
(also representing Public Health, Social Work, and Ecology)
Family and Consumer Sciences – Denise Lewis, absent
Journalism and Mass Communication – Shira Chess
Public and International Affairs – Teena Wilhelm
Veterinary Medicine – Susan Williams
(also representing Pharmacy, Law, and Engineering)
Provost’s Representative – Rahul Shrivastav
Undergraduate Student Representative – Matthew McDaniel
Graduate/Professional Student Representative – Dannie Chalk, absent

Guests: Courtney Cullen William Vencill
Phillip Griffeth David Williams
Joseph Hermanowicz

The Educational Affairs Committee met on March 25, 2019, at 3:30 p.m. in 315 New College.

Minutes of the February 11, 2019, meeting were approved.

Mark Farmer reported that since the last meeting of the Educational Affairs Committee, the Petitions Subcommittee has reviewed 15 student appeals. Of those appeals, 14 were approved and 1 was tabled.

Mark Farmer presented a draft of the proposal to revise Policy 4.02-3, University Policy on Course Drops and Withdrawals. This was an agenda item at the February 11, 2019, meeting, at which the committee asked for a draft proposal. A draft with two options was provided. After some discussion, the committee voted to approve the second version with a friendly amendment. This version was forwarded to the University Curriculum Committee for consideration.

The committee discussed a proposal from the Student Government Association to allow students to reschedule a test if the student has more than three tests within a 24 hour period. After some discussion, the committee concluded that this should remain as a discussion between students and instructors, and a formal policy was not necessary. No action was taken on this discussion item.
The committee discussed a proposal to revise the Daily Class Schedule. The proposal included suggested modifications such as increased time between classes and a later start time. The committee reviewed the results of both student and faculty surveys regarding the proposed changes. The committee agreed to continue discussion of this proposal at later meetings. No action was taken on this discussion item.

The committee discussed a proposal to revise Policy 4.01-3, Academic Renewal, to update wording to mirror the Board of Regents’ Academic Renewal policy. Four sentences in the current UGA policy were identified as varying from the Board of Regents’ policy. A motion was made to adopt the wording from the BOR policy for three of the four statements and to leave the fourth unchanged. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

The next meeting of the Educational Affairs Committee is scheduled for April 29, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Mark Farmer, Chair
Educational Affairs Committee

cc: Interim Provost Libby V. Morris
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav