



# The University of Georgia

University Council  
Athens, Georgia 30602

## EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – 2015-2016

Dr. Rodney Mauricio, Arts and Sciences, Chair

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences - Dr. Jean Williams-Woodward, absent  
(also representing Forestry and Natural Resources)

Arts and Sciences - Dr. Roxanne Eberle  
Dr. Mark Farmer

Business – Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro

Education – Dr. Laura Bierema

Environment and Design – Mr. David Spooner  
(also representing Public Health, Social Work, and Ecology)

Family and Consumer Sciences - Dr. Andy Carswell

Journalism and Mass Communication – Dr. Jeong-Yeob Han

Public and International Affairs – Dr. Andy Owsiak

Veterinary Medicine – Dr. Shannon Holmes, absent  
(also representing Pharmacy, Law, and Engineering)

Provost's Representative – Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

Undergraduate Student Representative – Mr. Houston Gaines

Graduate/Professional Student Representative – Ms. Audrey Lewis

Guests: Dr. Russell Mumper      Ms. Judy Iakovou  
Dr. Jan Hathcote              Ms. Melody Kesler  
Dr. Alan Campbell              Mr. Lee Shearer  
Ms. Debbie Bell

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The Educational Affairs Committee met on October 19, 2015, at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes of the August 24, 2015, meeting were approved.

Dr. Mauricio updated the committee on the results of the two Petition Subcommittee meetings held since the last Educational Affairs Committee meeting. On September 21, 2015, 33 appeals were reviewed, 21 were approved, and 12 were denied. On October 19, 2015, 21 appeals were reviewed, 16 were approved, and 5 were denied.

The committee considered a proposal from the Registrar to increase the number of credit hours a student can register for without receiving an override. After a brief discussion, the proposal was not approved.

Dr. Campbell from the Office of Student Support Services presented the 2014-2015 Hardship Withdrawals Annual Report and answered questions.

Committee on Facilities, Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics, Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees, Committee on Student Affairs, Curriculum Committee, Educational Affairs Committee, Executive Committee, Faculty Admissions Committee, Faculty Affairs Committee, Faculty Grievance Committee, Faculty Post-Tenure Review Appeals Committee, Faculty/Staff Parking Appeals Committee, Human Resources Committee, Program Review and Assessment Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, University Libraries Committee, University Promotion and Tenure Appeals Committee

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Melody Kesler from the Office of the Registrar presented an overview of the student withdrawal and audit registration processes in Athena so the committee could assess how students might make errors in registering and withdrawing from courses.

The committee requested that an email be sent in future semesters a week before the withdrawal deadline to ArchNews reminding students to check holds in Athena and make sure that any withdrawals made before the deadline are submitted completely. The Registrar stated that an email could be sent if wording is provided.

The committee also requested that programming be added to Athena to automatically generate an email to students each time a withdrawal is successfully submitted in future semesters.

The committee considered possible changes to the appeals process and voted to disallow appeals based on claims of computer-related issues and administrative holds. Dr. Mauricio stated that he is working to update the appeals website to be more transparent to students.

The committee discussed retroactive hardship withdrawals and voted not to impose a deadline for these appeals.

Dr. Mauricio announced that the 2014-2015 Academic Honesty Annual Report distributed at the meeting was submitted by Debbie Bell and was for information only.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rodney Mauricio  
Chair, Educational Affairs Committee