

MINUTES
EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 18, 1997 - 1:30 P.M.

Members present: William Barstow, Sidney Brown, Nancy Canolty, Carole Henry, Loch Johnson, William Kisaalita, Marguerite Koepke, Paul Kurtz, and William Paul.

Guests present: Ernestine Copas, Gary Moore, Sylvia Hutchinson, and Bruce Finkbone.

Staff present: Linda Thompson and Lisa Jordan.

The first order of business was to elect a chair for the 1997-98 year. Dr. Carole Henry was elected chair by acclamation.

Next, Professor Koepke addressed two items currently pending: 1) Petition for what constitutes a Presidential Scholar for disabled students - Under current UGA policy, a student must be enrolled full-time, for 12 credit hours; however students with disabilities are considered full-time with a course load of 10 credit hours, and 2) The 90 Hour Rule - Gary Moore from the Registrar's Office will address recommendations as the University converts to the semester system.

Dr. Ernestine Copas then presented a proposal regarding the number of credit hours required for University of Georgia students' eligibility to earn resident credit due to the semester conversion. The current policy states the student must have a University of Georgia grade point average of 2.0 in 30 quarter hours or more of course work. After discussion the committee voted to accept the proposal as follows:

University of Georgia students are eligible to register for resident credit for a University of Georgia course through Independent Study if they are active students who have a University of Georgia grade point average of 2.0 in 15 semester hours or more of course work at the time of registration.

Dr. Copas further iterated on two concerns confronting Independent Study. Dr. Copas stated that the current refund policy for Independent Study should be reviewed due to the semester conversion. The refund policy may need modifications which will require Board of Regents approval. She also informed the committee that as the current number of students utilizing the Hope Scholarship Program increases, the University should revisit Independent Study's policy on re-examination. Students enrolled in an Independent Study course that receive an examination grade of "D" or "F" are allowed to take a re-exam. Students on the Hope Scholarship whose average falls below a "C" forfeit their eligibility for the scholarship. Therefore, if a Hope Scholar student taking an Independent Study course receives a "C" on an exam, should a re-exam be granted as well. Dr. Copas stated the re-exam privilege will be eliminated effective Fall Semester 1998.

Next the committee considered a proposal for suspension for a first academic dismissal once the semester system is in place. Under the quarter system, a student is dismissed for two quarters, which can include summer quarter. After discussion, the proposal passed as follows:


After a first academic dismissal, the student will be suspended for one semester not to include the summer and not eligible for attendance at the University of Georgia.

The committee then considered a proposal presented by Dr. Sylvia Hutchinson and Mr. Bruce Finkbone to allow American Sign Language credit for UGA foreign language requirements. After discussion, the proposal was amended and accepted as follows:

University of Georgia departments or programs with second language requirements may accept courses or demonstrated proficiency in American Sign Language (ASL) as credit toward fulfillment of those requirements.

Mr. Gary Moore then presented a proposal from the College of Pharmacy for the Pharm.D. program. The proposal includes the following: 1) That pharmacy students will have their grade point averages restarted upon entering the Pharm.D. program, with overall averages reflecting all course work taken, 2) That Pharm.D. students entering August 1998 and thereafter be subject to the 90-hour rule, and 3) That students enrolled in the Pharm.D. program in January 1997 and thereafter be considered for the Dean's List/Presidential Scholar List and for academic probation/dismissal. After discussion, the committee voted to table the proposal and request Dr. George Francisco to submit additional information and request his attendance at the next Educational Affairs Committee meeting.

Next the committee considered a request from Dean Stuart Feldman, College of Pharmacy, to delete Part 10, Page 16, of A Culture of Honesty. In 1995, the separate College of Pharmacy's policy and ethics court was abandoned and the University procedures are presently followed. This request unanimously passed.

The committee then considered a request for honors designation for a second baccalaureate. The committee tabled this item for further research/discussion because honors for a first degree are based on the student's cumulative grade point average; with a second degree, credit from the core curriculum is transferred from the previous degree. 

Next, the committee was given an informational letter from Dr. Thomas Lauth, Head of the Department of Political Science, regarding the Georgia state law mandating comprehension of the U. S. and Georgia Constitutions. This is a requirement for all degree-seeking undergraduates attending Georgia state-funded institutions. Dr. Lauth was concerned by an approval from the Petitions Subcommittee when a transfer student was granted relief from the Georgia requirement through transfer course credit taken at an out-of-state institution. Dr. Lauth provided additional

documentation that POL 101 American Government meets the U.S. and Georgia Constitution requirements while transfer credit from an out-of-state institution would not meet this requirement.

Discussion took place concerning the four-day drop/add period once the semester system is in place. Dr. Paul believed the drop/add period was to be shortened with the semester system. University Council will be contacted for clarification.

No further business appearing, the committee adjourned at 2:40 p.m.