

MINUTES
EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
APRIL 6, 1998

Members Present: Carole Henry, William Paul, William Barstow, David Weller, Paul Kurtz, Jere Morehead, Ashley Fink, and Sidney Brown.

Guests: Gary Moore - Registrar's Office, Charles Keith - A&S Faculty Senate, Ann Crowther - Arts & Sciences, Betsey Barth - Terry College of Business, Cliff Smith - Education, Lynn Hogan - Family & Consumer Sciences

Dr. Carole Henry, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and introductions were made.

EAC members and guests were invited to comment on the proposal presented to the Committee by Dr. James Fletcher to limit the time students may remain in the Majors Not-Yet-Admitted category.

Students who have completed semester core curriculum Area F (courses in preparation for the major) but have not yet been admitted into the major for which they are prepared will be permitted to continue enrollment in this status for two semesters.

Dr. Charles Keith began the discussion by explaining the serious concern of the Arts & Sciences Faculty Senate, that imposing a limit would restrict intellectual exploration by students. Dr. Ann Crowther, also from the College of Arts & Sciences, added that the intention of such a policy needs clarification.

Other issues raised during this discussion:

1. Concern that students will not be seeing faculty advisors until late in their Junior or Senior year.
2. Non-degree seeking students are not addressed.
3. Entrance level requirements for some majors have not been officially approved, yet are being published.
4. If this Major Not Yet Admitted status will only affect a few students, why not wait until after the semester conversion to see where the problems really are?

Dr. William Barstow moved that the Educational Affairs Committee postpone action on the proposal to limit the time students may remain in the Majors Not-Yet-Admitted category for one year.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dr. Lynn Hogan reminded the Committee that when this issue is revisited, to be aware that some programs offer admission only once a year so a two-semester limitation may present problems.

Dr. Ann Crowther presented the next item of business. She asked for clarification by the Committee of when students academically dismissed Winter 1998 would be eligible for readmission. This will be during the transition from quarters to semesters. It was decided that these students would be eligible to apply for readmission beginning Spring Semester 1999.

Mr. Gary Moore presented a revised Spring Semester 2000 Calendar for the Committee's approval. Dr. Betsey Barth pointed out the revised calendar would allow additional time between semesters for certification for graduation and honors. The revised calendar shortens the May 2000 term that will normally be used for internships, directed study, field study, and studies abroad.

Mr. Paul Kurtz pointed out that the Law School may have conflicts coordinating with this calendar but moved that the revised Spring Semester 2000 Calendar be approved.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dr. Carole Henry proceeded to the letter from Vice President William Prokasy to the Committee asking for a review of The University's Academic Honesty policy and procedures. Dr. Henry asked for volunteers for a Task Force to study this request. Committee members will contact individuals in their schools/colleges and ask for volunteers to work on this Task Force. These names will be considered at the next full Educational Affairs Committee meeting.

The final item on the agenda, a proposal to change the maximum course load during summer sessions, was tabled for the next meeting.

No further business appearing, the Committee adjourned.