

MINUTES
EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
March 22, 2005

Members Present: Malcolm Adams, James Anderson, Woody Beck, Rose Chepyator-Thomson, Brad Courtenay, Ann Crowther, Karen Leonas, Susan Sanchez, Karen Shetterley, Jeff Lake
Guests: Rebecca Macon (Registrar), Karen Bauer and Charlie Mathies (Institutional Research), Larry Dendy (University Communications), Michael Gray (SGA- Academic Affairs), Del Dunn (VP for Instruction)

Karen Shetterley called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. The February 8, 2005 EAC minutes were corrected and approved.

Dr. Shetterley reported on the work of the Drop/Add ad hoc committee. Dr. Shetterley explained the points considered by the committee, reviewed the feedback the members received, and presented several recommendations from the committee. After a lengthy discussion, Jeff Lake moved that the policy be changed to shorten the number of days undergraduate students have to drop or add a course without penalty. A vote was called and the following motion passed by a 7-3 vote:

University of Georgia undergraduate students may drop/add classes through the fourth business day of classes for the fall and spring terms. Graduate students will be allowed to drop/add classes through the sixth business day. The number of days for drop/add during the summer term varies depending upon the session.

Students are responsible for work assigned and material covered from the first class meeting.
(effective date January 2006)

Dr. Karen Bauer presented preliminary data related to UGA undergraduate GPA between 1974-2004. Dr. Bauer explained that quite a few factors may contribute to changes in GPA and asked for assistance from the Educational Affairs Committee. Malcolm Adams, Woody Beck, Karen Leonas, Jim Anderson, and Rose Chepyator-Thomson agreed to assist with this study.

Dr. Shetterley asked the members what they wished to do about Ms. Crystal Weaver's request for changes to the Dean's List requirements based on merit not hours. The members voted to leave the policy as it is but agreed to review the impact of the change in policy in the future.

Dr. Shetterley reported that the UGA Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy has been sent to the Board of Regents but that office has not responded. The Educational Affairs Committee members will leave this item on future agendas as a means of monitoring the change.

Ms. Rebecca Macon presented the 2006-2007 Academic Calendar. Because of limitations on begin date, number of days of instruction, etc. Fall 2006 Commencement would fall on Saturday, December 16 which is Hanukkah. It is an institutional practice to be sensitive to religious holidays. The 2006-2007 Calendar reflects a Friday Commencement for Fall 2006. The members discussed Sunday afternoon as a possibility for Commencement but agreed by a unanimous vote to send the 2006-2007 Academic Calendar presented by Ms. Macon to the University Council.

Malcolm Adams reported that he, Ann Crowther, Debbie Bell, and Denise Mewborn met with Associate Athletic Director, Frank Crumley to discuss moving the Georgia-Florida football game to coincide with a fall break scheduled in the middle of fall semester. Dr. Adams explained that Mr. Crumley was sensitive to the academic discussion around fall break but he detailed all of the different factors involved in moving the football game. The Educational Affairs Committee will send a letter to Damon Evans, Athletic Director asking that if the opportunity arises in the future to change the date of the game, the Athletic Association will support it.

There being no more business, the final meeting of the Educational Affairs Committee for the 2004-2005 adjourned at approximately 12:15.