

MINUTES
EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
August 28, 2006

Members Present: James Anderson, Bill Barstow, Rose Chepyator-Thompson, Ann Crowther, Laurie Fowler, Loch Johnson, Karen Leonas, Sarajane Love, Denise Mewborn, Kathryn Bowers

Guest: Paul Ruddle (SGA)

Dr. Ann Crowther called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and asked for those present to introduce themselves. Dr. Crowther explained that there was a tie vote for 2006-2007 Chair of the Educational Affairs Committee. Loch Johnson moved that the chair position be shared by Jim Anderson and Bill Vencill. The motion was seconded and those present voted unanimously for Dr. Anderson to chair the committee fall term and Dr. Vencill to chair during spring term. A request for members to volunteer for Petitions Subcommittees was made.

Dr. James Anderson reported on two issues discussed last year. Faculty Initiated Withdrawals of students from courses and a Student Bill or Rights were turned over to Student Affairs for further action, as Legal Affairs deemed these issues to be within the purview of the Student Affairs Committee, since they impinged on the Code of Student Conduct. Need-based scholarships will be further investigated by the Educational Affairs Committee this year. In addition, Susan Little, Director of Student Financial Aid will discuss the possibility of limiting the number of withdrawals a student may have during his/her time at UGA at a future meeting.

The March 29, 2006 minutes were approved and the discussion turned to new business.

After comments and questions about the +/- grading system, Dr. Anderson agreed to send a message to the Curriculum Committee expressing concerns that were voiced by EAC members.

Dr. Barstow asked if the committee would consider another attempt of changing the dates of Fall Break. He was informed that the President had specifically asked Scott Weinberg and Rodney Bennett to look into the matter and Debbie Bell from the Office of the VP for Instruction agreed to check on the status of their work.

Karen Leonas reported that she had again been contacted by a faculty colleague concerned about the distribution of football tickets. Dr. Mewborn explained that this issue would be discussed at the next Intercollegiate Athletic Committee meeting.

The undergraduate student member, Kathryn Bowers, asked for consideration by the committee to changing the number of days of drop/add, and submitted a document for the committee's consideration. Faculty members responded that this issue has been visited many times. It was agreed that the issue would be discussed at our September meeting, to give enough time to consider the contents of the proposal.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m. The next meeting of the Educational Affairs Committee is scheduled for 3:30 p.m., September 18 in room 143 of the Tate Center.