

MINUTES
EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
February 19, 2007

Members Present: William Vencill (Chair), Rose Chepyator-Thomson, Ann Crowther, Dan DerVartanian, Denise Mewborn, Kathryn Bowers, Todd Hawley

Guests: Jere Morehead (VP for Instruction), Bob Boehmer (Vice Provost), Rebecca Macon, (Registrar), Audrey Goodson (Red & Black), Debbie Bell and Brian Freese (Office of the VP for Instruction)

Dr. William Vencill called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. and reported that the subcommittee on course withdrawals made up of Educational Affairs Committee and Student Affairs Committee members will meet in the next couple of weeks. He explained that Fall/Thanksgiving Break on the 2008-2009 Academic Calendar which will be considered later in the meeting is a result of several meetings of the Fall Break Task Force and reflects that group's recommendation. The sign-up sheet for the EAC's Petitions Subcommittee was distributed in hopes of filling the remaining slots for faculty members to serve.

The January 8, 2007 minutes were amended to include the newly approved School of Ecology under the section of the University Council's Statutes and By-laws describing representation of the Educational Affairs Committee.

Rebecca Macon presented the 2008-2009 Academic Calendar for the Committee's review. She explained that BOR guidelines define the number of minutes required for classes, the number of class days, the number of weeks of classes in a term, and the earliest begin and end dates for the calendar. Based on these guidelines, as well as, the Provost's recommendation that fall classes begin on a Monday and the recommendation of the Fall Break Task Force, she asked that the Calendar be approved and forwarded for a University Council vote. The proposed 2008-2009 Academic Calendar was approved.

Denise Mewborn reported that the Academic Honesty Subcommittee has met to consider the issues related to students who violate the academic honesty policy a second time. The Subcommittee proposes that in these rare situations, the process allow the faculty member who reported the possible second violation and the student to reach an agreement – including a sanction if applicable. The University would then deal with the issue of the student's repeated dishonest behavior by convening an academic honesty panel to determine the additional consequences. The panel's options for additional sanctions would include the following:

The student shall receive a dishonesty transcript notation and at least:

1. Suspension (if the student meets enrollment requirements, he/she may return to UGA after the suspension period),
2. Dismissal (the student may appeal to the Educational Affairs Committee for readmission after the dismissal period), or
3. Expulsion (permanent separation for the University)

Dr. Mewborn asked the EAC members for support of this revision. A discussion followed related to the make-up of the academic honesty panel who would review these matters. Dr. Mewborn and Debbie Bell hope to have the final proposal complete and ready for an EAC vote at the March 26, 2007 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:25 p.m. The final meeting of the 2006-2007 Educational Affairs Committee is scheduled for 3:30 p.m., March 26 in room 143 of the Tate Center.