



**Educational Affairs Committee**  
Minutes for Monday, August 20, 2007 – 3:30 p.m.  
143 Tate Student Center

**Members Present:** Denise Mewborn (Chair), P. Gayle Andrews, Ann Crowther, Loch Johnson, Sarajane Love, Rodney Mauricio, William Vencill, Wesley Burnett, and Brian Paul Freese (Staff)

**Guests:** Rebecca Macon (University Registrar) and Deborah Bell (Office of the VP for Instruction)

**Others:** Kristen Coulter (Red & Black) and Rebecca Quigley (Athens Banner-Herald)

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Dr. Denise Mewborn called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m. She thanked members and guests for attending.

**Comments from the Chair**

Dr. Mewborn provided a handout entitled “*Overview of the Educational Affairs Committee*” and shared the purpose of the committee with those present. She explained that the committee meetings should be considered an opportunity to discuss academic matters any member may believe important to the purpose of the committee.

Dr. Mewborn clarified the role and function of the Petitions Subcommittee in handling academic appeals. She then asked members to review the subcommittee’s meeting schedule for the coming academic year and volunteer to serve subcommittees when possible.

**Minutes**

Dr. Ann Crowther moved that the minutes of the March 26, 2007 Educational Affairs Committee be approved as recorded without revision. Dr. William Vencill seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**New Business**

Dr. Mewborn suggested the committee discuss the goals and tasks anticipated for the academic year. There was general discussion on this topic.

Dr. Vencill updated the members on the meeting of the Withdrawals Subcommittee established by the committee last academic year and charged with reviewing the withdrawal policies of the University. He suggested that the committee consider whether to continue the subcommittee’s review of University withdrawals or suspend further review at the next committee meeting. This will be added to the next agenda.

Dr. Loch Johnson suggested that the committee invite Professor Jere Morehead, Vice President for Instruction, to the next committee meeting to provide an update on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the “*Report of the Task Force on General Education and Student Learning*” presented previously to the committee. He suggested the committee might consider assisting where appropriate. There was general discussion on this topic. This will be added to a future agenda for a meeting fitting Professor Morehead’s schedule.

Dr. Mewborn will review past minutes to determine if there are other tasks from the 2006-2007 academic year that need attention.

Ms. Deborah Bell, Academic Honesty Coordinator for the University, requested consideration of a request for an expulsion transcript notation for those students expelled under “A Culture of Honesty” for multiple violations of the honesty policy. Ms. Rebecca Macon, University Registrar, stated doing so would take time and require extensive software changes. There was general discussion on this topic.

Dr. Johnson moved that the matter be held until the next regularly scheduled committee meeting to allow staff to collect more information – peer comparisons, aspirational comparisons, etc. – and present that information before any action be taken. Dr. Rodney Mauricio seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Mewborn asked that the committee email any other topics of interest or concern to her or staff for possible inclusion on future agendas as items of discussion.

There was some discussion about the Study Abroad Program and the manner in which students must register for course credit and pay program fees without any further action requested.

There was some discussion regarding Academic Renewal and the nature of the +/- grading system in calculating the grade point average required of students approved for Academic Renewal without any further action requested.

There being no further business, Dr. Sarajane Love moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Vencill seconded, and the meeting ended at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Paul Freese". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Brian Paul Freese  
Office of the Vice President for Instruction