



Educational Affairs Committee - Minutes

August 23, 2010 – 3:30 p.m.

Tate Center – Room 143

Members Present: Silvia Giraudo (Chair), Marisa Pagnattaro, Jason O'Rourke (representing Lauren Moret), Jeffrey Dorfman, Loch Johnson, Stephen Rathbun, Wells Ellenberg, Peggy Kreshel, Lonnie Brown, Ann Crowther

Others: Jere Morehead (Provost), Rebecca Macon (Registrar), Maggie Kerins (OVPI), Polina Marinova (Red & Black)

Dr. Silvia Giraudo called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. and the March 29, 2010 minutes were approved with a small edit. Ms. Maggie Kerins reported that the Write-In Course Policy was tabled at the last University Curriculum Committee meeting, and will be reviewed again at the August 25, 2010 meeting. The members were asked to sign up for monthly Petitions Subcommittee meetings and the possible EAC meeting dates for the fall semester were announced.

Course Challenging: Ms. Rebecca Macon reminded the Committee of the issues of Course Challenging, particularly for transient or non-degree seeking students. Dr. Giraudo reported to the Committee that a memo will be sent to the deans asking for their college's process regarding Course Challenging. After a short discussion, the Committee decided to table this agenda item until the next meeting.

Longer Drop/Add Period: Ms. Macon discussed the reasons behind the current length of the drop/add period. She mentioned that an email is sent to all students at the beginning of the semester reminding them of drop/add and explaining the extra day to add. The Committee decided that since the academic calendar has been arranged to begin each term on a Monday, a longer drop/add period is not needed and voted to not change this policy.

Commencement: Dr. Jeff Dorfman mentioned the Executive Committee's concern over the Saturday commencement for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 academic years. A Saturday Commencement date gives students and faculty several days between the last day of exams and the ceremony. Provost Jere Morehead discussed the savings of having graduation on a Friday night instead of Saturday. The Committee voted to edit the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 Academic Calendars to change both Spring Commencement dates from Saturday to Friday. This item will move forward to the University Council for a vote.

Pass/Fail Policy: Dr. Dorfman reported that the Pass/Fail policy sent to the University Council at their April meeting was returned to EAC because the proposed revisions were too broad. After a discussion, the Committee voted to change the policy's definition of satisfactory progress to a student "classified as full-time during the preceding academic year."

Regents' Test: Dr. Ann Crowther reported that UGA received an exemption of the Regents' Test requirement by the Board of Regents. This raised questions about previously enrolled students who earned all other degree requirements except for the Regents' Test. For the remainder of the spring semester and for the summer semester, Dr. Laura Jolly asked academic deans to review students' requests for an exemption on a case-by-case basis. Dr. Crowther reported that every student who came forward was approved and certified for graduation. After a brief discussion, the Committee decided to make this temporary policy permanent. A memo from Dr. Jolly will be sent to deans and associate deans, and will be sent forward to University Council as an information item.

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Kerins

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