



Educational Affairs Committee - Minutes

January 11, 2012 – 3:30 p.m.
New College – Room 315

Members Present: Rodney Mauricio (Chair), Kari Turner, Branson Ritchie, Robert Moser, Gayle Andrews, James Reap, Laura Jolly, Francis Assaf, Audrey Haynes, Elena Karahanna, Whitney Wyszynski

Others: Debbie Bell (OVPI), Maggie Kerins (OVPI), Fiona Liken (OVPI), Jan Hathcote (Registrar), Jason Emond (Admissions), Megan Ingalls (Red & Black), Tim Chester (CIO)

Dr. Rodney Mauricio called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. and the November 14, 2011 minutes were approved. A memo will be sent to the Graduate School regarding the high number of appeals the Petitions Subcommittee receives from Graduate Students requesting a grading status change from credit to audit. It will be a reminder to encourage students to be diligent while completing the multi-step process and to ensure their course schedule has a grade of "V" for audit.

Academic Calendar: Dr. Hathcote presented the 2013-2014 Academic Calendar and a small adjustment in the summer schedule of the 2012-2013 Academic Calendar. The Committee voted to approve both proposals and they will be sent forward to the University Council's Executive Committee.

Write-In Course Policy: Dr. Mauricio first highlighted the primary issues of the policy: (1) identifying appropriate faculty to determine course equivalency for write-in courses and (2) implementing a 5-year expiration date for equivalencies. The Committee engaged in a lengthy discussion about the transfer equivalency process, fitting courses into the core, and designating a contact person for each department. Dr. Mauricio and Dr. Elena Karahanna will draft a revision that separates policy from procedure (for clarity). The Committee voted to approve this revision to move to the University Curriculum Committee for a discussion, and will return to EAC for a final vote.

Student Advising Statement: In light of advising issues discussed in previous EAC and petitions meetings, Dr. Mauricio drafted a letter from the EAC to the Advising Community to be distributed to Deans, Associate Deans, the Academic Advising Coordinating Council, and the advisor email listserv. After a discussion, the Committee agreed to change the tone of the letter and will review the letter again over email before its distribution.

Academic Honesty Report: Debbie Bell presented the 2010-2011 Academic Honesty report to the Committee. A Committee will soon be formed to review the Academic Honesty policy, so members can email honesty@uga.edu with interest in this Committee or with any questions. The report will move forward as an information item to the University Council's Executive Committee.

Dr. Mauricio gave the Committee an update on the petitions reviewed since November – 29 appeals were reviewed, 18 were approved, 10 were denied, and 1 was tabled. OVPI staff approved 1 Academic Renewal appeal since the last EAC meeting. The New Student and Financial Aid System and the Reinstatement Policy will be presented as information items at the February EAC meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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