



The University of Georgia

University Council
Athens, Georgia 30602

EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – 2014-2015

Dr. Rodney Mauricio, Chair

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences - Dr. Jean Williams-Woodward
(also representing Forestry and Natural Resources)

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Environment and Design – Mr. David Spooner
(also representing Public Health, Social Work, and Ecology)

Family and Consumer Sciences - Dr. Andy Carswell, absent

Journalism and Mass Communication - Mr. David Hazinski, absent

Public and International Affairs - Dr. Brock Tessman

Veterinary Medicine – Dr. Shannon Holmes, absent
(also representing Pharmacy, Law, and Engineering)

Provost's Representative – Dr. Laura Jolly

Undergraduate Student Representative – Ms. Virginia Walker, absent, Mr. Ryan Brush substituting

Graduate/Professional Student Representative – Ms. Arlana Henry

Guests: Dr. Russell Mumper
Dr. Steven Girardot
Ms. Deborah Bell
Mr. Lee Shearer

The Educational Affairs Committee met on February 2, 2015, at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes of the October 13, 2014, meeting were approved.

Dr. Mauricio updated the committee on the results of the four Petition Subcommittee meetings held since the last Educational Affairs Committee meeting. On November 10, 2014, 19 appeals were reviewed, 16 were approved, and 3 were denied. On December 8, 2014, 33 appeals were reviewed, 22 were approved, and 11 were denied. On January 9, 2015, 25 appeals were reviewed, 11 were approved, and 14 were denied. On February 2, 2015, 24 appeals were reviewed, 13 were approved and 11 were denied.

The committee discussed appeals recently considered by the Petitions Subcommittee involving students who have incomplete grades in courses from previous terms and are retaking these courses in future terms, as well as students who mistakenly registered to audit courses. Changes in the computer registration make it more likely that students will unknowingly register for course as audits. The committee urged that changes be made to correct this problem and that students and advisers be made aware of the issue.

Debbie Bell provided the 2013-2014 Academic Affairs Honesty Annual Report.

The committee discussed a procedure for the non-reporting of grades announced in December by the Registrar. Grades of ER and NR have been replaced with a grade of NG in Banner. If a grade of NG is not changed within three semesters, the grade will be changed to W. The committee expressed concern that this represented a loophole in the withdrawal procedure. At our next meeting, data will be reported on the number of NG grades assigned. The committee discussed possible changes to policy that would not allow the extended non-reporting of grades.

The committee briefly discussed students who are dropped for non-payment and removed from eLC, but submit payment before the final payment deadline. A concern was raised about a lag in reinstating students to eLC once payment has been received by the university.

The committee briefly discussed the paper grade change forms which have temporarily replaced the electronic grade change form. The university is working on developing an electronic grade change process that is compatible with Banner.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rodney Mauricio
Chair, Educational Affairs Committee