



The University of Georgia

University Council
Athens, Georgia 30602

EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – 2013-2014

Dr. Rodney Mauricio, Arts and Sciences (Sciences), Chair

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences - Dr. Kari Turner
(also representing Forestry and Natural Resources)

Arts and Sciences - Dr. Roxanne Eberle (Arts)

Dr. Mark Farmer (Sciences), absent

Business – Dr. Elena Karahanna

Education – Dr. Laura Bierema

Environment and Design – Dr. James Reap, absent

(also representing Public Health, Social Work, and Ecology)

Family and Consumer Sciences - Dr. Joan Fischer

Journalism and Mass Communication - Mr. David Hazinski

Public and International Affairs - Dr. Audrey Haynes, absent

Veterinary Medicine – Dr. Branson Ritchie, absent

(also representing Pharmacy, Law, and Engineering)

Provost's Representative – Dr. Laura Jolly, Dr. Ruppensburg substituted until Dr. Jolly's arrival at 4:00pm

Undergraduate Student Representative – Mr. Alex Caille, absent

Graduate/Professional Student Representative – Ms. Heather Hershey

Guests:

Dr. Jan Hathcote

Dr. Eileen Kraemer

Ms. Pat Marshall

Ms. Diane Shimkets

Ms. Debbie Bell

Mr. Adam Lawrence

The Educational Affairs Committee met on November 18, 2013, at 3:30 p.m.

Debbie Bell announced that there is an Academic Honesty Integrity week scheduled in spring 2014 semester. Workshops will also be held in spring to help faculty with strategies that promote integrity and discourage academic dishonesty. Rodney Mauricio updated the committee on the results of the three Petition Subcommittee meetings held since the last Educational Affairs Committee meeting. On September 23, 2013, 32 appeals were reviewed, 22 were approved, 7 were denied and 3 were tabled until a later meeting. On October 14, 2013, 18 appeals were reviewed, 11 were approved, 5 were denied, and 2 were tabled. On November 18, 2013, 19 appeals were reviewed, 12 were approved, 6 were denied and 1 tabled until a later meeting.

Debbie Bell provided the 2012-2013 Academic Affairs Honesty Annual Report which will be presented to University Council for information only.

Committee on Facilities, Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics, Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees,
Committee on Student Affairs, Curriculum Committee, Educational Affairs Committee, Executive Committee, Faculty Admissions Committee,
Faculty Affairs Committee, Faculty Grievance Committee, Faculty Post-Tenure Review Appeals Committee, Faculty/ Staff Parking Appeals Committee,
Human Resources Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, University Libraries Committee, University Promotion and Tenure Appeals Committee
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The committee discussed procedures for student notetakers employed by the Disability Resource Center. A faculty member was concerned that students who have notetakers are not attending class. According to the procedure posted by the Disability Resource Center, notetakers are not required to provide notes for classes missed by a student unless approved as a disability-related academic accommodation. Faculty have the option to implement an attendance policy to ensure student attendance. DRC's procedures were deemed acceptable to EAC and EAC took no further action.

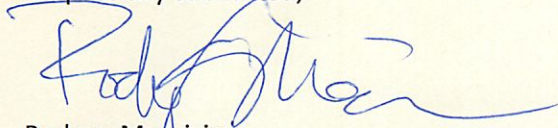
The committee discussed the procedure for course section changes. The committee agreed that in addition to being able to switch to a different section of the same course, students will be allowed to switch to a different level of the course with the same prefix or a cross-listed course. The Registrar will update the FAQ to include all options for section changes.

The committee heard a report from the Academic Calendar Subcommittee. The subcommittee is discussing possible revisions to the Academic Calendar.

The committee heard a report from the Graduation with Latin Honors Subcommittee. The Subcommittee considered the grade point averages for summa cum laude, magna cum laude, and cum laude at peer and aspirational institutions and discussed revising the grade point averages for these distinctions at the University of Georgia. The committee requested additional information on what percentage of students would be affected if the grade point averages for these distinctions were increased.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rodney Mauricio", written over a horizontal line.

Rodney Mauricio
Chair, Educational Affairs Committee