MINUTES
EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

Guests: Paul Ruddle (SGA), Rebecca Quigley (Athens Banner Herald), Jessica Levine (Red & Black), Larry Dendy (University Communications), Delmer Dunn (VP for Instruction), Debbie Bell (Office of the VP for Instruction)

Dr. James Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and the August 28, 2006 minutes were approved. Dr. Anderson asked the members about the possibility of adding a November meeting of the Educational Affairs Committee. It was agreed that the Full Educational Affairs Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m. on November 20, 2006.

The Academic Honesty Annual Report was distributed to the committee for information. The report was approved and will be forwarded to the Executive Committee of University Council as required by the honesty policy.

Dr. Anderson asked the committee to consider recommendations for membership on a Task Force on Fall Break. Dr. William Vencill will chair the Task Force and report back to the EAC at a future meeting.

Kathryn Bowers led a discussion about the current drop/add policy which allows undergraduate students drop/add privileges through the fourth day of classes (fall/spring) and graduate students through the sixth day of classes. She explained that this term (fall), because classes began on Thursday, some students could only visit a class one time before the drop/add period was over. Committee members discussed issues related to UGA culture and drop/add, the trouble of getting students who late add up to speed, and affording the same courtesy to undergraduate students as graduate students. After a lengthy discussion, the members voted (10-2) to take no action on the current drop/add policy.

Dr. Anderson reported that he currently has no new information about need-based scholarships but will bring the topic to a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:35 p.m. The next meeting of the Educational Affairs Committee is scheduled for 3:30 p.m., October 30 in room 143 of the Tate Center.