



# The University of Georgia®

Office of the Vice President for Instruction

## Educational Affairs Committee

### Agenda

October 19, 2016 – 3:00 p.m.

315 New College

- Approval of August 26, 2016 Minutes
- Comments from the Chair
  - Petitions Subcommittee Update

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Update from Academic Calendar Subcommittee
- Discussion of Presidential Scholar/Dean's List

#### INFORMATION

- 2015-2016 Academic Honesty Annual Report

#### NEW BUSINESS

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**Next Meeting of Full EAC:**  
Wednesday, February 8, 2017

**Petitions Subcommittee:**  
115 New College  
Thursday, November 10, 2016 – 1:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 14, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.  
Monday, January 23, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.

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#### EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – 2016-2017

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

Arts and Sciences - Dr. Barbara Biesecker (Arts)

Dr. Mark Farmer (Sciences)

Dr. Steven Lewis (Sciences)

Business – Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro

Environment and Design – Mr. David Spooner

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

Family and Consumer Sciences - Dr. Andy Carswell

Journalism and Mass Communication – Dr. Jeong-Yeob Han

Public and International Affairs – Dr. Andy Owsiak

Veterinary Medicine – Dr. Shannon Holmes, absent

(also representing Pharmacy, Law, and Engineering)

Provost's Representative – Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

Undergraduate Student Representative – Mr. Jacob Fucetola

Graduate/Professional Student Representative – Ms. Ashley Fallaize

Guests: Dr. Russell Mumper      Mr. Lee Shearer

Dr. Jan Hathcote              Ms. Sara Wood

Mr. Michael Snell

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The Educational Affairs Committee met on August 24, 2016, at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes of the March 28, 2016, meeting were distributed. The committee requested that the minutes be sent to the 2015-2016 Educational Affairs Committee members for consideration and approval. Subsequent to the meeting, the minutes were distributed to the members of the 2015-2016 Educational Affairs Committee and were approved by email vote.

The meeting opened with introductions. Dr. Williams-Woodward introduced herself as the new chair of the committee and welcomed new members.

Dr. Williams-Woodward updated the committee on the results of the four Petition Subcommittee meetings held since the last Educational Affairs Committee meeting. On April 25, 2016, 30 appeals were reviewed, 20 were approved, and 10 were denied. On June 20, 2016, 74 appeals were reviewed, 38 were approved, and 36 were denied. On July 18, 2016, 26 appeals were reviewed, 14 were approved, and 12 were denied. On August 18, 2016, 18 appeals were reviewed, 9 were approved, and 9 were denied. A sign-up sheet for members to volunteer to attend Petitions Subcommittee meetings was sent around.

The committee discussed the 2017-2018 Academic Calendar approved at the March 28, 2016, Educational Affairs Committee meeting and later at the May 3, 2016, University Council meeting. Concerns have been raised about the earlier start date of classes possibly interfering with internships, training, and classes taken over the summer months. Several professors reported a higher than average

number of students missing the first two days of classes this semester, which also started on a Thursday. The vice president of the Student Government Association also presented a resolution from the Student Government Association requesting and supporting an adjustment in the 2017-2018 Academic Calendar.

The Registrar, Dr. Jan Hathcote, explained to the committee how the calendar was created, pointing out holidays, financial aid deadlines, grade deadlines, Reading Day, the federal requirement for classes to meet for 15 weeks, and the Board of Regents requirement of 750 contact minutes for each credit hour. There was active discussion about the various ways the calendar could be revised. The committee voted to create an Academic Calendar Subcommittee, with members Dr. Andy Carswell, Dr. Andy Owsiak, Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro, and Mr. Jacob Fucetola volunteering to serve.

A motion was made to amend the 2017-2018 Academic Calendar. The proposed change would move the first day of classes for fall semester 2017 from Thursday, August 10, 2017, to Monday, August 14, 2017. This change would include operating Tuesday, December 5, 2017, on a Friday schedule. The first day of classes for spring semester 2018 would move from Thursday, January 4, 2018, to Monday, January 8, 2018. The committee voted to approve the revision. The Vice President for Instruction, Dr. Rahul Shrivastav, asked the Registrar to review the requested changes and determine if they meet policies and guidelines before final approval.

Subsequent to the meeting, the Registrar provided the chair with information concerning the revised calendar. The fall revision would comply with policies and guidelines, but there are complications associated with the proposed spring revision. The committee discussed the calendar revision via email and a motion was made and approved to allow the fall 2017 calendar as approved to move forward to the Executive Committee and to hold the spring 2018 calendar for further consideration by the Educational Affairs Committee.

The committee discussed a proposal to revise the Presidential Scholar/Dean's List Policy that was approved at the March 28, 2016, Educational Affairs Committee and returned to the committee by the Executive Committee at their April 13, 2016, meeting. The proposed revision removed the designation from the summer semesters. After some discussion, the committee tabled the proposal and requested data on how Presidential Scholar/Dean's List designations are awarded at peer and aspirational institutions before further consideration of the topic.

The Petitions Subcommittee has reported an increase in appeals from students who mistakenly select "Audit" rather than "Register" when using the online registration system, Athena, to register for classes. The Registrar presented information on how classes are selected for Audit and Withdrawal in Athena to help the Petitions Subcommittee respond to these types of appeals.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jean Williams-Woodward, Ph.D.  
Chair, Educational Affairs Committee

## Presidential Scholar and Dean's List

### Proposed Revisions to Policy

The University encourages excellence in scholarship and gives recognition to students whose work is superior by publishing the Presidential Scholar and Dean's Lists from each school or college at the end of fall and spring semesters ~~each semester~~. To be named a presidential scholar, students must have achieved during the preceding semester a grade point average of 4.00, earned at least 14 hours ~~(9 hours during summer semester)~~ numbered 1000 or higher, and received no unsatisfactory or incomplete grades. Students who are not named a Presidential Scholar in a given semester will be named to the Dean's List if they have achieved during the preceding semester a grade point average greater than or equal to 3.50; earned at least 14 hours ~~(6 hours during summer semester)~~ in courses numbered 1000 or higher; and received no grades below a B (3.0), no unsatisfactory grades, and no incomplete grades.

### Current Policy

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c. Proposal to revise the Presidential Scholar and Dean's List Policy. A discussion on the proposal occurred. There was a concern regarding eliminating the ability for students to earn Dean's List or Presidential Scholar during the summer semester. One of the reasons behind the creation of the proposal was that some students have expressed that they would not be able to say, for example, that they were a Presidential Scholar for all of the semesters they attended UGA because they would either not take enough hours during the summer semester or no hours at all. Removing the ability to earn Dean's List or Presidential Scholar during summer would thus remove any notion of being disadvantaged because the ability to earn the distinction would not be allowed for summer. Several members of the committee discussed their reservations with the proposal, including the notion that the proposal seemed to suggest that summer courses were not of equal weight to those courses taught in fall and spring and the idea that the proposal could disadvantage those students who do attend UGA on a three year plan and enroll during summer semesters. The idea of making Dean's List and Presidential Scholar honors that would only be awarded at the end of an academic year was also discussed. Following the discussion, the Executive Committee voted to send the item back to the Educational Affairs Committee for further consideration.

C. Information Item:

1. From the Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees:

a. Second Reading: Proposal for an amendment to the University Council Bylaws. This item will appear on the April 28, 2016 University Council agenda for a second required reading and vote.

D. There was no Old Business to come before the Committee.

E. There was no New Business to come before the Committee.

There being no further business, the final meeting of the Executive Committee for the 2015-2016 academic year adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Jan Hathcote, Registrar  
Secretary to University Council

**Executive Committee Members Present**

Barbara Biesecker  
Melinda Camus  
Rose Chepyator-Thomson  
Jeff Dorfman  
Melissa Freeman  
Janet Frick  
Silvia Giraudo  
Jeong-Yeob Han  
Jan Hathcote  
Audrey Lewis

**Dean's List Eligibility Criteria**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Policy Level</b>	<b>Summer Included</b>	<b>Minimum Hours</b>	<b>Minimum GPA</b>	<b>Link &amp; Additional Information</b>
<b>Comparator Institutions</b>					
Iowa State University	University	no	12	3.5+	<a href="http://catalog.iastate.edu/academiclife/gradingsystem/#honorsrecognitiontext">http://catalog.iastate.edu/academiclife/gradingsystem/#honorsrecognitiontext</a>
Louisiana State University	University	yes	15	3.5+	<a href="http://catalog.lsu.edu/content.php?catoid=14&amp;navoid=1049#Honors">http://catalog.lsu.edu/content.php?catoid=14&amp;navoid=1049#Honors</a>
Michigan State University	University	yes	12	3.5+	<a href="https://reg.msu.edu/academicprograms/Print.asp?Section=294">https://reg.msu.edu/academicprograms/Print.asp?Section=294</a>
North Carolina State University	University	yes	12-14, 15	12-14 hrs @ 3.5, 15+ hrs @ 3.25	<a href="https://policies.ncsu.edu/regulation/reg-02-30-01">https://policies.ncsu.edu/regulation/reg-02-30-01</a>
Ohio State University	College	yes	12+	3.5+ per college	<a href="http://ugeducation.osu.edu/faq.shtml">http://ugeducation.osu.edu/faq.shtml</a> Response from OSU - distributed model with criteria determined by colleges. Trends may be found at : <a href="http://oesar.osu.edu/majors_deans_honors.html">http://oesar.osu.edu/majors_deans_honors.html</a>
University of Arizona	University	yes	honorable mention: 12, dean's & w/ distinction : 15	honorable mention: 12 hrs @ 3.5+, dean's: 15 hrs @ 3.5-3.999, w/distinction: 15 hrs @ 4.0	<a href="http://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/academic-distinction-deans-list-honors-and-awards">http://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/academic-distinction-deans-list-honors-and-awards</a>
University of California - Davis	College	yes	12+	GPA > or = top 16% of class per college	<a href="http://catalog.ucdavis.edu/academicinfo/honors.html">http://catalog.ucdavis.edu/academicinfo/honors.html</a> awarded quarterly

University of Florida	College	yes	varies by college 12-15 fall & spring, 6-12 summer	3.2-3.75 range by college	<a href="https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/Pages/deans-list.aspx">https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/Pages/deans-list.aspx</a>
University of Iowa	College	yes	varies by college 12+	3.5+ per college	<a href="https://now.uiowa.edu/2016/07/deans-list-spring-2016">https://now.uiowa.edu/2016/07/deans-list-spring-2016</a> Med & Nursing students may have different qualifying criteria
University of Kentucky	College	no	12+	3.5+ per college	<a href="http://dib.uky.edu/UGE/sites/www.uky.edu.UGE/files/End%20of%20Term%20Reporting.pdf">http://dib.uky.edu/UGE/sites/www.uky.edu.UGE/files/End%20of%20Term%20Reporting.pdf</a>
University of Maryland - College Park	University	no	12+	3.5+	<a href="http://www.umd.edu/catalog/index.cfm/show/content.section/c/27/ss/1584/s/1565">http://www.umd.edu/catalog/index.cfm/show/content.section/c/27/ss/1584/s/1565</a>
University of Missouri - Columbia	College	no	12+	3.0-3.5+ term GPA range by college & many have 3.0 min cum GPA	<a href="http://munews.missouri.edu/student-honors/faq.php">http://munews.missouri.edu/student-honors/faq.php</a> semester average greater than 85.999
<b>Aspirational Institutions</b>					
Cornell University	College	yes	varies by college 12+	varies by college 3.5+	<a href="https://askezra.cornell.edu/index_suggest.php">https://askezra.cornell.edu/index_suggest.php</a> <a href="https://registrar.cornell.edu/Student/crdirectory.html">https://registrar.cornell.edu/Student/crdirectory.html</a>
Pennsylvania State University	University	yes	12+	3.5+	<a href="https://handbook.psu.edu/content/deans-list">https://handbook.psu.edu/content/deans-list</a>
University of California - Berkeley	College	no	varies by college 12+	top percentage of major - varies by college**	<a href="http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/education/#academicexcellencetext">http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/education/#academicexcellencetext</a> permanent "honors to date" notation for those students who achieve dean's list continuously, any semester a student no longer qualifies ends their eligibility for future notation

University of California - Los Angeles	College	no	varies by college 12+	varies by college 3.5+	<a href="http://catalog.registrar.ucla.edu/ucla-cat2016-49.html">http://catalog.registrar.ucla.edu/ucla-cat2016-49.html</a>
University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign	College	no	14+	top 20% of college	<a href="http://studentcode.illinois.edu/article3_part4_3-401.html">http://studentcode.illinois.edu/article3_part4_3-401.html</a>
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor	University	no	14+	3.5+	<a href="http://www.honors.umich.edu/awards.php">http://www.honors.umich.edu/awards.php</a> at least 12/14 hours must be in areas A-E, students who consecutively achieve university honors may be eligible for James B. Angell Scholar & further recognition
University of Minnesota	University	yes	12+	3.666+	<a href="https://policy.umn.edu/education/gradingtranscripts">https://policy.umn.edu/education/gradingtranscripts</a>
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill	University	no	12+	3.5+	<a href="http://registrar.unc.edu/reports/deans-list-degree-recipient-list/">http://registrar.unc.edu/reports/deans-list-degree-recipient-list/</a>
University of Texas - Austin	University	no	at least 45 grade points	3.5+	<a href="https://ugs.utexas.edu/vick/academic/grades">https://ugs.utexas.edu/vick/academic/grades</a> no "Dean's List," students may be recognized on University Honors List and/or College Scholars depending on their standing relative to their class/college
University of Virginia	College	no	varies by college 12+	varies by college 3.4+	<a href="http://www.virginia.edu/registrar/acadrecord.html">http://www.virginia.edu/registrar/acadrecord.html</a> top 20% of students within participating schools may also be eligible for intermediate honors after earning 60 hours
University of Washington	University	yes	12+	3.5+	<a href="https://www.washington.edu/students/genocat/front/Deans_List.html">https://www.washington.edu/students/genocat/front/Deans_List.html</a> Students who achieve dean's list for 3 consecutive quarters are eligible for the annual dean's list and are awarded a certificate
University of Wisconsin - Madison	College	no	varies by college 12+	varies by college 3.25+	<a href="https://registrar.wisc.edu/deans_list.htm">https://registrar.wisc.edu/deans_list.htm</a> some colleges have more than one level of honor for dean's list



**President's List (or Similar Distinction) Eligibility Criteria**

Institutions	Summer Included	Minimum Hours	Minimum GPA	Link & Additional Information
<b>Comparator Institutions</b>				
Iowa State University			Top 2% of class (cum GPA) within each College	<a href="http://catalog.iastate.edu/academiclife/gradingsystem/#honorsrecognitiontext">http://catalog.iastate.edu/academiclife/gradingsystem/#honorsrecognitiontext</a> awarded each spring - letter from President & permanent transcript notation
Louisiana State University	yes	15	4.0 GPA	<a href="http://catalog.lsu.edu/content.php?catoid=14&amp;navoid=1049#Honors">http://catalog.lsu.edu/content.php?catoid=14&amp;navoid=1049#Honors</a>
Michigan State University				<a href="https://reg.msu.edu/academicprograms/Print.asp?Section=294">https://reg.msu.edu/academicprograms/Print.asp?Section=294</a>
North Carolina State University				<a href="https://policies.ncsu.edu/regulation/reg-02-30-01">https://policies.ncsu.edu/regulation/reg-02-30-01</a>
Ohio State University				<a href="http://ugeducation.osu.edu/faq.shtml">http://ugeducation.osu.edu/faq.shtml</a>
University of Arizona	yes	12+ hrs fall & spring	academic distinction: 30 hrs @3.5-3.999, highest 30 hrs @ 4.0	<a href="http://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/academic-distinction-deans-list-honors-and-awards">http://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/academic-distinction-deans-list-honors-and-awards</a> Academic Distinction is awarded annually by College

University of California - Davis				<a href="http://catalog.ucdavis.edu/academicinfo/honors.html">http://catalog.ucdavis.edu/academicinfo/honors.html</a>
University of Florida	yes	15+, 12+	4.0 GPA	<a href="https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/Pages/deans-list.aspx">https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/Pages/deans-list.aspx</a> fall &/or spring=15+ hrs, summer =12+ hrs
University of Iowa	no	12+	4.0 GPA for two consecutive semesters	<a href="https://now.uiowa.edu/2016/07/deans-list-spring-2016">https://now.uiowa.edu/2016/07/deans-list-spring-2016</a> awarded each semester - summer is excluded from two consecutive semester criteria
University of Kentucky				<a href="http://dib.uky.edu/UGE/sites/www.uky.edu.UGE/files/End%20of%20Term%20Reporting.pdf">http://dib.uky.edu/UGE/sites/www.uky.edu.UGE/files/End%20of%20Term%20Reporting.pdf</a>
University of Maryland - College Park				<a href="http://www.umd.edu/catalog/index.cfm/show/content.section/c/27/ss/1584/s/1565">http://www.umd.edu/catalog/index.cfm/show/content.section/c/27/ss/1584/s/1565</a>
University of Missouri - Columbia				<a href="http://munews.missouri.edu/student-honors/faq.php">http://munews.missouri.edu/student-honors/faq.php</a>
<b>Aspirational Institutions</b>				
Cornell University				<a href="https://askezra.cornell.edu/index_suggest.php">https://askezra.cornell.edu/index_suggest.php</a>
Pennsylvania State University				<a href="https://handbook.psu.edu/content/deans-list">https://handbook.psu.edu/content/deans-list</a>
University of California - Berkeley				<a href="http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/education/#academicexcellencetext">http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/education/#academicexcellencetext</a>

University of California - Los Angeles				<a href="http://catalog.registrar.ucla.edu/ucla-cat2016-49.html">http://catalog.registrar.ucla.edu/ucla-cat2016-49.html</a>
University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign				<a href="http://studentcode.illinois.edu/article3_part4_3-401.html">http://studentcode.illinois.edu/article3_part4_3-401.html</a>
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor				<a href="http://www.honors.umich.edu/awards.php">http://www.honors.umich.edu/awards.php</a>
University of Minnesota				<a href="https://policy.umn.edu/education/gradingtranscripts">https://policy.umn.edu/education/gradingtranscripts</a>
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill				<a href="http://registrar.unc.edu/reports/deans-list-degree-recipient-list/">http://registrar.unc.edu/reports/deans-list-degree-recipient-list/</a>
University of Texas - Austin				<a href="https://ugs.utexas.edu/vick/academic/grades">https://ugs.utexas.edu/vick/academic/grades</a>
University of Virginia				<a href="http://www.virginia.edu/registrar/acadrecord.html">http://www.virginia.edu/registrar/acadrecord.html</a>
University of Washington				<a href="https://www.washington.edu/students/genocat/front/Deans_List.html">https://www.washington.edu/students/genocat/front/Deans_List.html</a>
University of Wisconsin - Madison				<a href="https://registrar.wisc.edu/deans_list.htm">https://registrar.wisc.edu/deans_list.htm</a>



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October 12, 2016

Dr. Jean Williams-Woodward, Chair  
Educational Affairs Committee  
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Dear Dr. Williams-Woodward:

In accordance with *A Culture of Honesty*, the university's academic honesty policy and procedures, I am providing the University Council with the attached report for the 2015-2016 academic year.

In addition to administering the university's academic honesty policy and speaking to numerous groups of students, faculty and teaching assistants, we continue to make every effort to resolve faculty concerns about possible cases of academic dishonesty quickly and fairly.

I am grateful for the assistance provided by our faculty and professional staff who assist in facilitating academic honesty discussions, the service of faculty and students who volunteer to serve as panel members, and to those who support and promote academic integrity at UGA by reporting concerns, requesting speakers, and seeking guidance about issues of possible academic dishonesty.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Deborah C. Bell  
Director for Academic Honesty

Enc.

c. Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

**UGA - Academic Honesty  
2015-2016**

**FALL 2015**

Plagiarism – 51%  
 Unauthorized Assistance – 46%  
 Misc. - Lying/Tampering/Theft/Other – 3%  
 Student - Undergraduate 87% Graduate 13%

Total # of Students Reported	199	
Allegation Withdrawn	2	
Facilitated Discussion		
Students - Admitted Violation	144	72%
Case Dismissed	48	24%
No Agreement or Agreement Rescinded	5	3%
Continued Discussion – 3%		
Violation	4	
Case Dismissed	1	
Multiple Violations Review Board	6	

**SUMMER 2016**

Plagiarism – 19%  
 Unauthorized Assistance – 71%  
 Misc. - Lying/Tampering/ Theft/Other – 1%  
 Student - Undergraduate 94% Graduate 6%

Total # of Students Reported	31	
Allegation Withdrawn	0	
Facilitated Discussion		
Students - Admitted Violation	18	58%
Case Dismissed	12	39%
No Agreement or Agreement Rescinded	1	3%
Continued Discussion – 3%		
Violation	1	
Case Dismissed	0	
Multiple Violations Review Board	2	

**SPRING 2016**

Plagiarism – 13%  
 Unauthorized Assistance – 85%  
 Misc. - Lying/Tampering/ Theft/Other – 2%  
 Student – Undergraduate 95% /Graduate 5%

Total # of Students Reported	339	
Allegation Withdrawn	3	
Facilitated Discussion (1 pending)		
Students - Admitted Violation	261	77%
Case Dismissed	64	19%
No Agreement or Agreement Rescinded	12	4%
Continued Discussion - 4% (9 pending)		
Violation	3	
Case Dismissed	0	
Multiple Violations Review Board	2	

**Academic Year – 2015-2016**

Plagiarism – 25%  
 Unauthorized Assistance – 73%  
 Misc. - Lying/Tampering/Theft/Other – 2%  
 Student - Undergraduate 92%/Graduate 8%

Total # of Students Reported	569	
Allegation Withdrawn	5	1%
Facilitated Discussion (1 pending)		
Students - Admitted Violation	423	74%
Case Dismissed	124	22%
No Agreement or Agreement Rescinded	18	3%
Continued Discussion – 3% (9 pending)		
Violation	8	
Case Dismissed	1	
Multiple Violations Review Board	10	

# University of Georgia Academic Honesty Information 2011-2016

