Educational Affairs Committee – 2017-2018
Dr. Mark Farmer, Arts and Sciences (Sciences), Chair
Agricultural and Environmental Sciences - Dr. Jean Williams-Woodward, absent
(also representing Forestry and Natural Resources)
Arts and Sciences - Dr. Barbara Biesecker (Arts)
Dr. Steven Lewis (Sciences)
Business – Dr. Santanu Chatterjee
Education – Dr. Diane Cooper, absent
Environment and Design – Mr. Ronald Sawhill
Family and Consumer Sciences - Dr. Denise Lewis, absent (Dr. Barbara Biesecker, proxy)
Journalism and Mass Communication – Dr. Jeong-Yeob Han
Public and International Affairs – Dr. Teena Wilhelm, absent (Dr. Barbara Biesecker, proxy)
Veterinary Medicine – Dr. Susan Williams
(also representing Pharmacy, Law, and Engineering)
Provost’s Representative – Dr. Rahul Shrivastav
Undergraduate Student Representative – Ms. Roya Naghepour
Graduate/Professional Student Representative – Mr. Michael Snell

Guests:
Dr. Russell Mumper
Dr. William Vencill
Ms. Rebekah Parker

The Educational Affairs Committee met on January 22, 2018, at 3:30 p.m. in 315 New College.

Minutes of the November 6, 2017, meeting were approved.

Mark Farmer reported that since the last meeting of the Educational Affairs Committee, the
Petitions Subcommittee reviewed 55 student appeals. Of these appeals, 39 were approved, 14
were denied, and 2 were tabled.

The committee discussed the Presidential Scholars and Dean’s List Policy and how this policy
affects students with disabilities. The committee agreed to consult with the Disability Resource
Center (DRC) for additional information and guidance prior to considering possible changes to
the policy.
The committee discussed the Final Examination Schedule Conflicts policy. Currently, students do not have a deadline to petition to have exams rescheduled, which can cause last minute rescheduling issues. The committee recommended that the deadline for petitions be the withdrawal deadline in any given semester. A vote was called and the motion was approved. This proposal was to be forwarded to the Executive Committee of the University Council for consideration.

The committee reviewed the Graduation with Honors criteria change which was approved by EAC in 2014 and will be effective fall semester 2018. The committee had no concerns about the new criteria.

The next Educational Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Mark Farmer, Chair
Educational Affairs Committee

cc: Provost Pamela Whitten
    Dr. Rahul Shrivastav