



## University Council

### 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, absent

Family and Consumer Sciences - Dr. Denise Lewis

Journalism and Mass Communication – Dr. Jeong-Yeob Han

Public and International Affairs – Dr. Teena Wilhelm

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. William Vencill

Ms. Rebekah Parker

Dr. Mary Hondalus

Ms. Johnita Daniel

Mr. Phillip Griffeth

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The Educational Affairs Committee met on August 28, 2017, at 3:30 p.m. in 315 New College.

Mark Farmer introduced and welcomed the new committee members.

Minutes of the March 29, 2017, meeting were approved.

Mark Farmer reported that since the last meeting of the Educational Affairs Committee, the Petitions Subcommittee reviewed 121 student appeals. Of these appeals, 81 were approved, 39 were denied, and one was tabled.

A revision of the Academic Honesty policy was presented to the committee. The proposed revision updates appeals procedures for the College of Veterinary Medicine. Following some discussion, the proposed revision was unanimously approved.

The committee continued discussion of the routing of student appeals through the Educational Affairs Committee and the Office of the Registrar. A subcommittee to research this was previously formed. Mark Farmer requested volunteers to serve on this subcommittee, and Roya Naghepour, Teena Wilhelm, Jeong-Yeob Han, Jean Williams-Woodward, and Denise Lewis volunteered to serve. Jean Williams-Woodward agreed to serve as chair. Discussion on the routing of appeals will continue in the full Educational Affairs Committee after the subcommittee has met.

The committee continued discussion of a block scheduling proposal that would modify class period starting and ending times. Mark Farmer requested volunteers to serve on a subcommittee to further research this proposal. Steven Lewis, Michael Snell, Barbara Biesecker, Roya Naghepour, Teena Wilhelm, and Santanu Chatterjee volunteered and Steven Lewis agreed to continue in his role as chair. The subcommittee will also invite Dr. Henry Munneke to participate.

The committee discussed academic calendar creation for the 2019-2020 academic year and beyond. Dr. Farmer recently met with many stakeholders to discuss ideas for the calendar and will continue to do so throughout the semester. The committee members agreed to facilitate discussions within their departments and colleges and bring ideas to the next meeting of the Educational Affairs Committee.

The next Educational Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.



Mark Farmer, Chair  
Educational Affairs Committee

cc: Provost Pamela S. Whitten  
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav