



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, Dr. Henry Munneke, substituting

Education – Dr. Diane Cooper, absent

Environment and Design – Mr. Ronald Sawhill

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. Russell Mumper

Ms. Rebekah Parker

Dr. William Vencill

Mr. Adam Lawrence

Mr. Phillip Griffeth

Mr. Lee Shearer

The Educational Affairs Committee met on October 16, 2017, at 3:30 p.m. in 315 New College.

Minutes of the August 28, 2017, meeting were approved.

Mark Farmer reported that since the last meeting of the Educational Affairs Committee, the Petitions Subcommittee has met twice and reviewed 42 student appeals. Of these, 37 were approved and five were denied.

Phillip Griffeth provided the 2016-2017 Academic Affairs Honesty Annual Report, which will be forwarded to the University Council for information only.

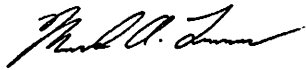
The committee continued discussion of the 2019-2020 Academic Calendar. Dr. Farmer presented three draft versions of the calendar for consideration, with various possibilities such as a start date in the third week of August, elimination of Reading Day, elimination of the day between finals and commencement, and commencement on a Saturday. Based on feedback obtained from

conversations with their departments and colleges, committee members discussed the advantages and disadvantages of these options.

The committee requested that Dr. Farmer consult the President's office regarding the viability of calendar proposals that call for a Saturday commencement, and report the results to the committee before the next meeting. The committee agreed to table a vote until further discussion is held.

The next Educational Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.



Mark Farmer, Chair
Educational Affairs Committee

cc: Provost Pamela S. Whitten
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav