



# The University of Georgia

Office of the Vice President for Instruction

## Educational Affairs Committee - Minutes

January 18, 2017 – 3:00 p.m.

New College – Room 315

**Members Present:** Jean Williams-Woodward (Chair), Barbara Biesecker, Mark Farmer, Jeong-Yeob Han, Steven Lewis, Andy Owsiak, Marisa Pagnattaro, Rahul Shrivastav, David Spooner, Jacob Fucetola, Ashley Fallaize

**Others:** Debbie Bell (OVPI), Sara Wood (OVPI), Rosemary Segreti (Interim Registrar), Adam Lawrence (Office of the Registrar), Russell Mumper (Office of Provost), Houston Gaines (SGA President), Lee Shearer (Athens Banner-Herald)

Dr. Jean Williams-Woodward called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. The October 19, 2016 minutes were approved.

Dr. Williams-Woodward reported that since the last meeting of the Educational Affairs Committee, the Petitions Subcommittee reviewed 58 student appeals and approved 32 and denied 26. Dr. Williams-Woodward mentioned upcoming discussion with Beau Seagraves (Office of the Dean of Students) and Art Leed (Legal Affairs) regarding the possibility of reassigning retroactive hardship withdrawals to Student Care and Outreach. Committee members were asked to contemplate their feelings on the matter for consideration at a future meeting.

*Academic Calendar:* Dr. Williams-Woodward reported that the University Council approved the fall 2017 academic calendar. The Committee was provided with sample calendars from the Registrar for the 2018 calendar year based on the currently endorsed 15-week model.

The Committee engaged in conversation about the sample calendars and continued conversation from prior meetings about the number of summer sessions. Concerns were raised regarding the possible impact to subsequent calendars based on any proposed changes. Rosemary Segreti advised the Committee that academic calendars must be presented 2 years in advance for approval.

A motion was made and the committee voted unanimously to allow both the spring 2018 and summer 2018 term, as outlined, to move forward to the Executive Committee.

The Committee discussed the options presented to them for fall 2018 and requested input from the student representatives related to the semester start date, length of Thanksgiving break, and the final day of classes. A motion was made and the Committee agreed to submit a proposal to the Executive Committee with a fall start date of Monday, August 13, a full week for the Thanksgiving holiday, and a final class date of Tuesday, December 4 in which a Friday class schedule will be in effect.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting of the Educational Affairs Committee is scheduled for February 8, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Williams-Woodward  
Chair, Educational Affairs Committee