

University Council

Educational Affairs Committee 2022-2023

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences – Jason Peake-present
Arts and Sciences – Erin Dolan
Jennifer Rice- present
Business – Margaret Christ (chair) - present
David Mustard- present
Education – Janette Hill
Engineering – Brock Woodson
Environment and Design – Rosanna Rivero
(also representing Public Health and Social Work)
Family and Consumer Sciences – Alex Anderson
Forestry and Natural Resources – Nick Fuhrman
(also representing Ecology)
Journalism and Mass Communication – Bartosz Wojdynski
Pharmacy – Ewan Cobran
(also representing Veterinary Medicine and Law)
Public and International Affairs – Daniel Hill- present
Provost- Jack Hu, substitute Marisa Pagnattaro- present
Undergraduate Student Representative – Samuel Cook- present
Graduate/Professional Student Representative – Sarah Burns

The Educational Affairs Committee met August 29, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. in 315 New College.

There not being a quorum present, approval of the minutes from the April 27, 2022, a vote was not held to approve the minutes.

Chair Margaret Christ reported that since the last EAC meeting, the Petitions Subcommittee reviewed 76 appeals with 57 approved and 19 denied.

The committee discussed as an information item a proposal approved at its April meeting, a new policy 4.06-6, University-sponsored activities. Given the number of new members on the committee for 2022-2023, the committee reviewed the item for awareness among the new members. The item will be forwarded to the University Curriculum Committee for further consideration.

The committee reviewed revisions to proposal 4.06-5, Air Force ROTC Commitment and Summer Break. The proposal was original approved by the EAC during the 2020-2021 academic year and sent to the University Curriculum Committee for consideration. The UCC approved the item, and it appeared on the agenda of the September 2021 University Council meeting where the Council voted to return the item to the UCC, which forwarded it back to the EAC, for further consideration. The Council specifically asked that the term "reasonable accommodation" found in the proposed language be defined and requested that consideration be given as to how faculty should accommodate regularly occurring, rather than one-time, absences.

The committee then reviewed the proposal in light of the feedback from the Council. It was agreed among the committee to remove the verbiage "and Summer Break" from the proposal. The committee also agree to change the language, "Students must give written notice to the faculty member at least one week in advance" to "Students must give written notice to the faculty at least two weeks in advance." The committee further agreed to add the sentence, "In the rare instance that a student's absences will affect a majority of class meetings, the student should work with their advisor during drop/add to find a different class or schedule."

The committee agreed that the proposal should be considered by the full EAC with the changes above highlighted.

There was no old or new business to come before the committee.

Before adjourning, Chair Christ stated that the committee would consider other possible locations for EAC meetings as well as possible having a new start time.

The meeting then adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Christ, Chair Educational Affairs Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro