



## University Council

### **Educational Affairs Committee 2022-2023**

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences – Jason Peake- **present**

Arts and Sciences – Erin Dolan- **present**

Jennifer Rice- **present**

Business – Margaret Christ (chair)- **present**

David Mustard

Education – Janette Hill

Engineering – Brock Woodson

Environment and Design – Rosanna Rivero

*(also representing Public Health and Social Work)*

Family and Consumer Sciences – Alex Anderson- **present**

Forestry and Natural Resources – Nick Fuhrman- **present**

*(also representing Ecology)*

Journalism and Mass Communication – Shira Chess- **present**

Public and International Affairs – Daniel Hill

Veterinary Medicine – Corey Saba- **present**

*(also representing Pharmacy and Law)*

Provost- Jack Hu, substitute Marisa Pagnattaro- **present**

Undergraduate Student Representative – Samuel Cook

Graduate/Professional Student Representative – Sarah Burns

Guests: Courtney Cullen

William Vencill

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The Educational Affairs Committee met February 20, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. in 315 New College.

As the first order of business, a motion to approve the minutes from the October 24, 2022, meeting was made by Jason Peake and seconded by Nick Fuhrman. A vote was called, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Chair Margaret Christ reported that since the last EAC meeting, the Petitions Subcommittee reviewed 72 appeals with 59 approved, 12 denied, and 1 tabled.

The committee discussed the hardship withdrawal process in terms of two topics: how to handle full versus partial hardship withdrawal appeals and what role should the EAC play in reviewing

sensitive information provided by students related to hardship withdrawal appeals. The committee agreed to form a subcommittee to examine these issues related to hardship withdrawals. Chair Christ stated that an email would be sent to the committee requesting volunteers.

The committee then discussed several questions and requests received by the Office of Instruction concerning the following topics:

- Midterm Grade Reports: Requiring midterm grades of S/U in order for students to know how they are performing in a course at midpoint was discussed. Pros and cons for this were debated. The committee concluded that this would be helpful but would be complicated to implement. A suggestion was made to remind faculty to enter grades into eLC in a timely manner.
- Withdrawal Deadline: Pushing back the withdrawal deadline to later point in the semester was discussed. Currently, the withdrawal deadline is two weeks after the midpoint. Other institutions, both in Georgia and UGA's peer and aspirants, have a withdrawal deadline that is much later in the semester. As the withdrawal deadline is a policy within the EAC's purview, the committee could elect at a later meeting to draft a revision to the withdrawal policy if it chooses.
- C- Grades for Major Courses: Deciding whether or not a C or C- grade is the minimum grade needed for major courses to count toward degree requirements is a policy made at the school/college level. The committee discussed the pros and cons of letting a C- grade for a major course count toward a degree.
- Changing Major after 60 Hours: The committee discussed if there should be any safeguards against a student changing their major after earning 60 credits hours. Currently, there are no restrictions on when a student can change their major. Changing a major at this point can cause issues for students.
- Revised Summer Semester Schedule: The committee discussed simplifying and making more appealing the summer semester schedule. One idea discussed was starting Maymester and Short Session I at the same time and retaining Thru Session and Short Session II.
- Monday-Wednesday Only Courses: There is currently a bill from SGA to allow for Monday-Wednesday courses. There are scheduling issues with how to offer both Monday-Wednesday and Monday-Wednesday-Friday courses. The committee agreed that seeing the bill from SGA would be ideal.

As old business, Chair Christ stated that the revised policy 4.06-5, Air Force ROTC Commitment and Summer Break, was recently voted down at the last meeting of the University Curriculum Committee. She stated that she is going to be meeting with a subcommittee of the UCC to discuss modifications to the policy.

The meeting then adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Christ, Chair  
Educational Affairs Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu  
Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro