



University Council

Educational Affairs Committee 2023-2024

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences – Susana Ferreira

Arts and Sciences – Erin Dolan- absent

Jennifer Rice

Business – Margaret Christ (chair)

Laura Little- absent

Education – Janette Hill

Engineering – Brock Woodson- absent

Family and Consumer Sciences – Sheri Worthy- absent

Forestry and Natural Resources – Nick Fuhrman

(also representing Ecology)

Journalism and Mass Communication – Shira Chess

Public and International Affairs – Alexa Bankert

Provost- Jack Hu- absent

Social Work- Rachel Fusco

(also representing Public Health and Environment and Design)

Veterinary Medicine – Susan Sanchez

(also representing Law and Pharmacy)

Undergraduate Student Representative – Frank Manning- absent

Graduate/Professional Student Representative – Samantha Khatri

Guests: Phillip Griffeth

Marisa Pagnattaro

The Educational Affairs Committee met January 22, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in 315 New College.

As the first order of business, a motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2023, meeting was made by Nick Fuhrman and seconded by Susan Sanchez. A vote was called, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Chair Margaret Christ reported that since the last EAC meeting, the Petitions Subcommittee reviewed 24 appeals with 19 approved and 5 denied.

The committee discussed the course evaluation process at the University including issues such as the use of incentives to increase student participation and if there are any University requirements

that state student participation must meet a certain threshold. The Registrar was charged with researching what processes and procedures Kennesaw State, Georgia Tech, Georgia State, and George College and State follow regarding course evaluations and then bringing those results back to the committee.

The committee next discussed a resolution from the Student Government Association regarding the use of artificial intelligence by students at UGA. Phillip Griffeth, Director of Academic Honesty, stated that he had reviewed the resolution and met with the author of the resolution. He stated that the use of artificial intelligence by students is not necessarily a policy issue but a pedagogical one that should be addressed by faculty members in their syllabi. Vice President for Instruction and Senior Vice Provost for Academic Planning Pagnattaro stated that OVPI cannot mandate anything related to artificial intelligence in a faculty member's syllabus; such a mandate would need to be go through faculty governance. Chair Christ stated that she would send out to the committee a presentation from Meg Mittelstadt regarding generative A.I.

The committee last discussed the 14-hour requirement for students to earn either Dean's List or Presidential Scholar distinctions. A concern was brought to Chair Christ from a student who met the requirements for Dean's List except the 14-hour requirement. It was recommended that the student discuss the issue with SGA.

There being no further business, the meeting then adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Christ, Chair
Educational Affairs Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu
Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro