



## University Council

### **Educational Affairs Committee 2024-2025**

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences – Susana Ferreira- absent

Arts and Sciences – Erin Dolan- absent

Jennifer Rice (chair)

Business – Margaret Christ

Laura Little

Education – Janette Hill- absent

Engineering – Brock Woodson- absent

Family and Consumer Sciences – Suraj Sharma

Forestry and Natural Resources – Nick Fuhrman- absent

*(also representing Ecology)*

Journalism and Mass Communication – Glenna Read

Public and International Affairs – Alexa Bankert- absent

Provost- Jack Hu

Social Work- Rachel Fusco

*(also representing Public Health and Environment and Design)*

Veterinary Medicine – Susan Sanchez

*(also representing Law and Pharmacy)*

Undergraduate Student Representative – Rayna Carter

Graduate/Professional Student Representative – Marggie Vazquez- absent

Guests: Phillip Griffeth

Marisa Pagnattaro

Brennen Salmon

Austin Todd

William Vencill

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The Educational Affairs Committee met September 16, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. in 315 New College.

Chair Jennifer Rice opened the meeting by thanking outgoing chair Margaret Christ for her service as chair. She then welcomed members to the meeting and provided an overview of the duties of the Educational Affairs Committee as stated in the University Council Bylaws.

As the first order of business, the minutes from the January 22, 2024, meeting were unanimously approved.

Chair Rice reported that since the last EAC meeting in January the Petitions Subcommittee reviewed 28 appeals with 21 approved and 7 denied.

A motion was made by Margaret Christ that was seconded by Susan Sanchez to consider and vote on a proposal to revise policy 01.04.010, Course Drops and Withdrawals. Following discussion, a vote was called, and the proposal was unanimously approved and will be forwarded to the University Council Executive Committee for consideration at its next meeting.

The committee was provided with a follow-up by the Registrar to the discussion at the January meeting concerning course evaluations. The Registrar's Office provided data from Georgia Tech, Georgia State, Kennesaw State, and Georgia College and State University concerning their course evaluation policies, including if they are mandatory, if incentives are used, and if there are any enforcement mechanisms in place. An extensive discussion on course evaluations on campus then occurred. Options for ensuring students would complete a course evaluation were discussed. The university is beginning implementation of a new course evaluation tool with new functionality next fall. The committee agreed to wait and reevaluate after implementation. The Registrar's Office stated that the EAC will be kept informed on the implementation of the tool and asked for feedback on functionality options.

The committee was provided a follow-up by the Registrar concerning the 2025-2026 academic calendar. During the last EAC term, the 2025-2026 academic calendar was discussed, including a draft that reconfigured the five summer sessions' dates. The Registrar stated that these drafted dates were reviewed by several campus constituencies, but that consideration and feedback was still needed from Human Resources. Accordingly, the 2025-2026 academic calendar will resemble previous years' calendars with the hope that the dates will be reviewed and considered for 2026-2027.

There being no further business, the meeting then adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Rice, Chair  
Educational Affairs Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu  
Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro