

MINUTES
Educational Affairs Committee
January 10, 1991

The committee met at 10:00 a.m. in Conner Hall. Present were: Ileana Arias, Dan Dervartanian, Delmer Dunn, Stan Longman, Sharan Merriam, Bruce Shutt, and Betty Whitten. Peter Dress and Karen Kuers were absent. Also present were Stan Brassie, Ann Jewett, and Carolyn Lehr from the Department of Physical Education. The chair, Dr. Whitten, presided at the meeting.

The minutes of the December 19, 1990 meeting were approved with the correction of a typographical error.

The committee then turned to considering whether to change the requirement for basic physical education at The University of Georgia. Dr. Brassie, Head of the Department of Physical Education presented the position of the department. He indicated the basic philosophy behind a physical education requirement. He also explained the proposal of the department for a change. Basically the change would establish a four-hour requirement. The requirement would include a three-hour health-related fitness course and a one-hour skill-related fitness course. The department would provide a procedure by which students could be tested prior for exemption and credit of the health-related fitness course. The department already has procedures for testing skill-related courses. Dr. Brassie pointed out that the basic physical education requirement was not a part of the core curriculum but was a requirement in addition to the 190 hours required in other courses for graduation. Dr. Jewett indicated to the committee that the proposal had the support of the faculty in the department.

The committee asked several questions of Drs. Brassie, Jewett, and Lehr. Many of the questions related to how the proficiency testing works now and how it would work for the three-hour course. In the questions and answers, Dr. Lehr indicated that some students now take the skills-related courses as electives beyond the five-hour requirement. After answering questions, the representatives from the department left the meeting.

The committee then discussed the next step. Basically the committee decided that it needed to determine whether to have a requirement for basic physical education or to delete the requirement altogether. If a requirement is recommended the committee would need to determine what the requirement should be.