



The University of Georgia

University Council
Athens, Georgia 30602

EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – 2014-2015

Dr. Rodney Mauricio, Chair

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences - Dr. Jean Williams-Woodward
(also representing Forestry and Natural Resources)

Arts and Sciences - Dr. Roxanne Eberle

Dr. Mark Farmer, absent, Dr. Rodney Mauricio proxy

Business – Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro

Education – Dr. Laura Bierema, absent

Environment and Design – Mr. David Spooner

(also representing Public Health, Social Work, and Ecology)

Family and Consumer Sciences - Dr. Andy Carswell

Journalism and Mass Communication - Mr. David Hazinski

Public and International Affairs - Dr. Brock Tessman

Veterinary Medicine – Dr. Shannon Holmes

(also representing Pharmacy, Law, and Engineering)

Provost's Representative – Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

Undergraduate Student Representative – Mr. Ryan Brush

Graduate/Professional Student Representative – Ms. Arlana Henry, absent

Guests: Dr. Russell Mumper

Dr. Jan Hathcote

Ms. Lindsey Conway

The Educational Affairs Committee met on March 16, 2015, at 4:05 p.m.

Minutes of the February 2, 2015, meeting were approved.

Dr. Mauricio stated that there were no Petition Subcommittee meetings held since the last Educational Affairs Committee meeting.

The Registrar stated that she met with the ad hoc subcommittee of EAC to review the academic calendar, and the subcommittee made the recommendation to begin spring semester classes at least one Monday before the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and to revisit the Thanksgiving holiday schedule. The Registrar also met with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Office of Student Financial Aid, Office of University Housing, and a student advisory committee to obtain input for the academic calendar. The committee considered two proposed versions of the 2016-2017 academic calendar, and the Registrar asked that the proposed calendar titled Version 1 which begins on Thursday, August 11, 2016, be considered. After some discussion, the committee approved the proposed calendar titled Version 1.

The committee considered a revision to the Academic Dismissal Policy. The Registrar reported that after review

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Committee on Student Affairs, Curriculum Committee, Educational Affairs Committee, Executive Committee, Faculty Admissions Committee,
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of student records, only two examples existed of students who were affected by the complicated scale of hours attempted and minimum cumulative GPA included in the current Academic Dismissal Policy. The proposed revision to the policy simplifies the policy so that all students with a cumulative UGA GPA below 2.0 for two or more semesters must earn a term average of 2.3 or higher to avoid dismissal until they raise their cumulative UGA GPA to a 2.0 or higher. The committee approved the proposal to revise the Academic Dismissal Policy.

The committee considered a revision to the Presidential Scholar and Dean's List Policy. The policy currently states that to be named a Presidential Scholar, students must have achieved during the preceding semester a grade point average of 4.0, earned at least 14 hours, with a minimum of 12 hours in courses graded A-F (9 hours during the summer semester, with a minimum of 6 hours in courses graded A-F) numbered 1000 or higher, and received no unsatisfactory or incomplete grades. The minimum number of hours graded A-F is difficult to determine, and all students who met the requirements for the Presidential Scholar designation took courses graded A-F. Therefore, requiring a minimum number of hours graded A-F is not relevant. The committee briefly discussed the proposal and approved the revisions to the Presidential Scholar and Dean's List Policy. The committee will revisit the possibility of changing the minimum number of hours required to receive the Presidential Scholar designation in each semester. The Registrar will compile data for the committee to review.

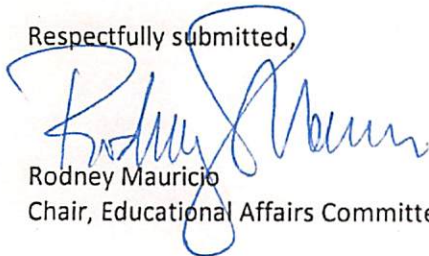
Dr. Mauricio distributed a tentative summer schedule of Petition Subcommittee meetings and asked members to sign up for the months they would like to serve.

An update was given regarding NG grades. An email was sent to professors on Friday, March 13, reminding them to assign grades for students who had not been assigned grades for fall semester. Those students automatically received grades of NG. Of the students with NG grades, twenty-five percent were undergraduates, and most of the graduate classes were internships, research, independent study, or similar types of classes. Dr. Mauricio stated that the committee will continue monitoring the assignment of NG grades. He asked the Registrar to continue gathering this data for review next year to see if there is a pattern.

The committee re-elected Dr. Mauricio as Chair of the Educational Affairs Committee for the 2015-2016 academic year.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rodney Mauricio
Chair, Educational Affairs Committee