



## University Council

### Educational Affairs Committee –2017-2018

Dr. Mark Farmer, Arts and Sciences (Sciences), Chair  
Agricultural and Environmental Sciences – Dr. Jean Williams-Woodward  
(also representing Forestry and Natural Resources)  
Arts and Sciences – Dr. Barbara Biesecker (Arts)  
Dr. Steven Lewis (Sciences)  
Business – Dr. Santanu Chatterjee  
Education – Dr. Diane Cooper, absent  
Environment and Design – Mr. Ronald Sawhill, absent  
Family and Consumer Sciences – Dr. Denise Lewis  
Journalism and Mass Communication – Dr. Jeong-Yeob Han, absent  
Public and International Affairs – Dr. Teena Wilhelm  
Veterinary Medicine – Dr. Susan Williams  
(also representing Pharmacy, Law, and Engineering)  
Provost's Representative – Dr. Rahul Shrivastav  
Undergraduate Student Representative – Ms. Roya Naghepour  
Graduate/Professional Student Representative –Mr. Michael Snell

Guests: Dr. Russell Mumper  
Dr. William Vencill  
Mr. Phillip Griffeth

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The Educational Affairs Committee met on March 23, 2018, at 3:50 p.m.

Minutes of the February 26, 2018, meeting were approved.

Mark Farmer reported that since the last meeting of the Educational Affairs Committee, the Petitions Subcommittee reviewed 19 student appeals. Of those appeals, 15 were approved and 4 were denied.

At the February 26, 2018, meeting, the committee revised the Presidential Scholars and Dean's List policy. The committee subsequently agreed to additional revisions via email to clarify the changes. At the March 23, 2018, meeting, the committee discussed the most recent changes and agreed to leave the proposed revisions in place. This proposal will now be forwarded to the Executive Committee of the University Council for consideration.

The committee previously approved and forwarded a revision to the Final Examination Conflicts policy to the Executive Committee that required students to make accommodations for final exam conflicts on or before the withdrawal deadline for the semester. A number of concerns

were raised by the Executive Committee about this policy revision, and the policy was returned to the EAC for consideration. The committee discussed the revised policy and agreed Mark Farmer will amend the revised policy and distribute it to the committee for review.

The committee continued discussion of a potential block-scheduling proposal. Committee members will contact department heads across campus to share this proposed plan and get feedback. To aid in these discussions, Mark Farmer and Steven Lewis will create and distribute a short sample plan and FAQ sheet to the committee.

The committee re-elected Mark Farmer as Chair of the Educational Affairs Committee for the 2018-2019 academic year.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Farmer', written in a cursive style.

Mark Farmer, Chair  
Educational Affairs Committee

cc: Provost Pamela Whitten  
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav