



The University of Georgia

University Council
Athens, Georgia 30602

EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – 2015-2016

Dr. Rodney Mauricio, Arts and Sciences, Chair

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

Arts and Sciences - Dr. Roxanne Eberle
Dr. Mark Farmer

Business – Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro

Education – Dr. Laura Bierema

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 – Dr. Jeong-Yeob Han

Public and International Affairs – Dr. Andy Owsiak

Veterinary Medicine – Dr. Shannon Holmes, absent
(also representing Pharmacy, Law, and Engineering)

Provost's Representative – Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

Undergraduate Student Representative – Mr. Houston Gaines, absent

Graduate/Professional Student Representative – Ms. Audrey Lewis, absent, Michael Snow substituting

Guests: Dr. Russell Mumper
Dr. Jan Hathcote
Ms. Debbie Bell

The Educational Affairs Committee met on March 28, 2016, at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes of the October 19, 2015, meeting were approved.

Dr. Mauricio updated the committee on the results of the four Petition Subcommittee meetings held since the last Educational Affairs Committee meeting. On November 16, 2015, 20 appeals were reviewed, 8 were approved, and 12 were denied. On January 11, 2016, 36 appeals were reviewed, 23 were approved, and 13 were denied. On February 15, 2016, 31 appeals were reviewed, 15 were approved, and 16 were denied. On March 28, 2016, 20 appeals were reviewed, 13 were approved, and 7 were denied. In addition, the subcommittee met with representatives from the College of Veterinary Medicine during the March 28, 2016, meeting and agreed to approve 31 appeals for changes in registration.

Dr. Mauricio informed the committee about appeals recently considered by the Petitions Subcommittee involving students in the College of Veterinary Medicine who are unable to graduate due to registration issues. The subcommittee agreed to approve these appeals from the college since these students are completing all degree requirements. As of the meeting of the full committee, 31 appeals had been

Committee on Facilities, Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics, Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees, Committee on Student Affairs, Curriculum Committee, Educational Affairs Committee, Executive Committee, Faculty Admissions Committee, Faculty Affairs Committee, Faculty Grievance Committee, Faculty Post-Tenure Review Appeals Committee, Faculty/Staff Parking Appeals Committee, Human Resources Committee, Program Review and Assessment Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, University Libraries Committee, University Promotion and Tenure Appeals Committee

An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action/Veteran/Disability Institution

submitted and approved. Additional appeals are expected, and a system will be set up to consider these appeals as needed.

The committee briefly discussed other appeals recently considered by the Petitions Subcommittee involving students who have issues enrolling in variable credit courses, as well as students who have issues enrolling in only a lecture section in chemistry courses after dropping the lecture and completing the lab in a previous semester. The Office of Curriculum Systems will work with the Department of Chemistry to find a solution.

The committee considered and approved a proposal to revise the UGA Academic Renewal Policy to be in agreement with the revised Board of Regents policy.

The committee discussed the Presidential Scholar/Dean's List Policy and whether to revise the required minimum hours for summer terms or remove these designations for summer terms. The committee approved a revision to remove the designations for summer terms.

The committee considered a proposal to revise the Course Repeat Policy. Currently, the last earned grade counts toward degree requirements, and the committee considered the advantages and disadvantages of allowing the highest grade received in repeated courses to be used to satisfy degree requirements. After much discussion, the committee tabled the proposal and requested data from the Office of Curriculum Systems and the Registrar to review before further consideration on the topic.

The committee considered two proposed versions of the 2017-2018 academic calendar. The spring break in these versions differed by one week. After some discussion, the committee approved the proposed calendar titled Version 2 in which spring break begins on Monday, March 12, 2018.

The committee elected Jean Williams-Woodward, Ph.D., as Chair of the Educational Affairs Committee for the 2016-2017 academic year.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney Mauricio". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R".

Rodney Mauricio, Ph.D.
Chair, Educational Affairs Committee