

MINUTES
Educational Affairs Committee
October 18, 1990

The committee met at 12:00 noon in the Connor Hall Conference Room. Present were: Ileana Arias, Peter Dress, Delmer Dunn, Karen Kuers, Stan Longman, Sharan Merriam, Gary Moore, and Betty Whitten. Dan Dervartanian was absent. The chair, Dr. Whitten, presided at the meeting.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as presented.

The committee then discussed two policies related to graduation. After discussion and amendments to the original proposal, the panel passed the following recommendation to the council:

Students who cannot be reasonably expected to complete all graduation requirements by the end of a given term will not be listed in the commencement program for graduation for that term.

The committee then discussed a second proposal and also approved it:

A student will not be approved for graduation if he or she has a grade of I or ER which could cause the student's grade point average to fall below the minimum required for graduation. This applies to students for all degrees conferred by the university.

The committee recommends that these policies, if approved by the University Council, take effect at the beginning of winter quarter 1991.

The committee next turned to the question of allowing designation as an honors graduate for a second baccalaureate degree at the University of Georgia. Present policy allows for cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude only for first baccalaureate degrees. Students receiving a second baccalaureate degree have at times asked for honors graduate status. Committee members discussed the relative merits of calculating the gpa for the second baccalaureate separately from the first, what standards would be used, the fairness of 90 quarter hours, and so on. It was agreed that more information would be needed to reach a decision. This information will be provided by the Office of Academic Affairs prior to the next meeting.

The committee then discussed the possibility of recommending a required course syllabus. A student advisory group to the Board of Regents has made a recommendation to the Board. The lack of a syllabus has been an issue in some grade appeal cases. Committee members strongly support faculty members providing a syllabus, but some members voiced concern about requiring a syllabus. The general consensus was to change the proposal to reflect that a syllabus be "strongly encouraged" but not required. The committee will also consider adding language concerning student honesty as suggested by the Task Force on Student Honesty. The chair agreed to provide a revised version for review at the next



meeting.

The chair suggested that the Athletic Academic Review Subcommittee be composed of the last three members on the alphabetized list of committee membership. There was no opposition to this proposal. The members will be Drs. Merriam, Radcliffe, and Whitten. Some members requested a copy of the recent column on Georgia athletics be made available to the full committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 8, 1990 at noon. The chair will attempt to schedule the meeting in 102 Connor Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.