

MINUTES
EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
March 29, 2006

Members Present: James Anderson, Ann Crowther, Laurie Fowler, Karen Leonas, Sarajane Love, David Shipley, William Vencill,
Guest: Rebecca Macon

Dr. James Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Dr. Anderson reported that he does not yet have the data he needs to discuss Needs-based scholarships, but hopes to have a report for a future EAC meeting. He reminded the members that election of the 2006-2007 chair of the Educational Affairs Committee will take place at the first meeting of the committee in August 2006. The minutes of the January 10, 2006 Educational Affairs Committee were approved.

Rebecca Macon, University Registrar, presented the 2007-2008 Academic Calendar which was approved by the members and will be forwarded to the Executive Committee of University Council.

The members discussed proposed revisions to the University Council By-laws. Dr. Anderson will send a note to the By-laws Committee chair asking that EAC membership be better defined to include representatives from the major schools/colleges paying particular attention to placement of Council members who deal with undergraduates.

Next a discussion took place about development of an interim policy or guidelines for Faculty Initiated Withdrawal of a student from a course for reasons other than non-attendance or disruptions covered under the Student Code of Conduct. Dr. Anderson will work on wording of such a policy and send it to the EAC members for discussion and a vote. A longer-term proposal has been forwarded to the Student Affairs Committee for their consideration, as Legal Affairs is of the opinion that the latter proposal will involve issues covered under the Code of Student Conduct, and hence will fall within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Student Affairs Committee.

The Student Bill of Rights will also be sent to the UC Student Affairs Committee for future revisions and possible discussion and approval by the University Council, since Legal Affairs has advised that the issues discussed in the Student Bill of Rights also impinge on the Code of Student Conduct.

Dr. Anderson did not receive revised wording from the Franklin College's Faculty Senate related to reducing the time allowed for a grade appeal to be initiated by a student as expected; so this matter was not voted on by the EAC members.

Finally, the Educational Affairs Committee Operating Procedures (Academic Affairs Policy Manual - General Academic Policy: Student Appeals) were approved with minor revisions.

The final EAC meeting of the 2005-2006 academic year adjourned at approximately 4:10 p.m.