



## Educational Affairs Committee - Minutes

March 29, 2010 – 9:00 a.m.

Tate Center – Room 143

**Members Present:** Gayle Andrews (Chair), Silvia Giraudo, Tracie Costantino, Jeffrey Dorfman, Rodney Mauricio, Stephen Rathbun, Tyler Biringer, Lauren King, Lonnie Brown, Marisa Pagnattaro, Ann Crowther

**Others:** Laura Jolly (OVPI), Maggie Kerins (OVPI), Rod Parks (Registrar), Alan Campbell (OVPSA), Beau Seagraves (OVPSA), Polina Marinova (Red & Black)

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Dr. Gayle Andrews called the meeting to order at 8:59 a.m. and the February 8, 2010, minutes were approved.

*Election of 2010-2011 EAC Chair:* The Committee elected Dr. Silvia Giraudo to be the EAC chair for the fall semester, and Dr. Marissa Pagnattaro to be the EAC chair for the spring semester.

*2011-2012 Academic Calendar:* Mr. Rod Parks from the Office of the Registrar presented the Proposed 2011-2012 Academic Calendar. He noted a few points of interest including Spring 2012 classes starting later and the final exams of the summer 1<sup>st</sup> short session being given on the same day as the first day of 2<sup>nd</sup> short session classes. The Committee discussed the issue of the drop period lasting only 4 days. This allows for the drop period to be over before a student attends the first class. The Committee decided that a proposed amendment to the drop/add policy, which would implement 5 days of drop/add, would be added to the first EAC meeting agenda in the fall. The proposed calendar was approved, and will move forward to University Council.

*Hardship Withdrawal Policy:* Dr. Alan Campbell from Student Support Services presented his concern over the current Hardship Withdrawal Policy which excludes partial withdrawals. After a short discussion the Committee created some language to allow students to, in extenuating hardship circumstances, withdraw from selective courses without using any of their allocated WP's. The edited policy was approved and will move forward to the University Council.

*Course Challenging Policy:* Mr. Rod Parks asked the Committee to review this policy which allows students to receive resident credit for challenged courses. The Committee decided that certain restrictions should be added, but a few policies needed to be examined first. Dr. Gayle Andrews will write the academic deans to inquire about their school/college's policy on course challenges. The Board of Regents' policy and SACS Compliance Process will also be examined. The Committee added this to their fall meeting agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maggie Kerins*

Office of the Vice President for Instruction