

Educational Affairs Committee - Minutes

November 17, 2010 – 3:30 p.m. Tate Student Center – Room 143

Members Present: Silvia Giraudo (Chair), Marisa Pagnattaro, Lauren Moret, Wells Ellenberg, Ann Crowther, Francis Assaf, Robert Moser, Peggy Kreshel, Stephen Rathbun, Lonnie Brown

Others: Rebecca Macon (Registrar), Laura Jolly (OVPI), Fiona Liken (OVPI), Debbie Bell (OVPI), Maggie Kerins (OVPI), Polina Marinova (Red & Black), Meagan Kelley (Red & Black), Stephen Thompson (SGA), Joshua Delaney (SGA), Elizabeth Hardaway (Arts & Sciences)

Dr. Silvia Giraudo called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m., and the September 29, 2010 minutes were approved.

Write-In Course Policy: Ms. Fiona Liken explained that a subcommittee, with University Curriculum Committee and EAC members, would revise the Write-In Course policy considering the interests of both Committees. Once revised, the policy will come back to the EAC for approval. Lauren Moret, Wells Ellenberg, Rodney Mauricio, and Marisa Pagnattaro agreed to participate on this subcommittee.

Course Challenging: The revised Course Challenging policy was approved with a minor grammatical edit and will move forward to the University Council.

Final Exam Conflict: Mr. Wells Ellenberg summarized the proposal of the Student Government Association. After a short discussion, the revised policy, which allows students with three final exams scheduled in a twenty-four hour period to petition to have one exam rescheduled, was approved. This revised policy will move forward to the University Council.

Withdrawal Policy: Dr. Giraudo briefly explained the two issues brought to the EAC by the October Petitions Subcommittee. (1) One issue of concern is the WP count of post-baccalaureate students. Unlike graduate students, all undergraduates, including post-baccalaureate students, are allocated four WP's during their tenure at UGA. The Committee discussed the possibility of the WP count being reset for all post-baccalaureate students. (2) The second issue deals with students administratively withdrawn from all classes as the result of a conduct violation. The Committee was asked to decide whether the withdrawal policy needed to be edited to allow WP's received as a result of an administrative withdrawal to not count against the four allocated WP's. The primary concern with students being administratively withdrawn is that any WF's on their transcript as a result of this withdrawal is an unintended consequence of the suspension and an unintended consequence of the WP limit. After a lengthy discussion, Dr. Giraudo suggested both issues be tabled until the next meeting in January. Wells Ellenberg, Peggy Kreshel, and Marisa Pagnattaro will create a proposal for the revision of the policy.

University Studies Program Dismissal: Dr. Elizabeth Hardaway explained the need to create a policy regarding whether University Studies First Program Dismissal students appeal for readmission to the Educational Affairs Committee or to the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences. The Committee voted to give the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences the authority to review appeals from University Studies First Program Dismissal.

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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