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EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – 2013-2014

Dr. Rodney Mauricio, Arts and Sciences (Sciences), Chair

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences - Dr. Kari Turner

(also representing Forestry and Natural Resources)

Arts and Sciences - Dr. Roxanne Eberle (Arts)

Dr. Mark Farmer (Sciences)

Business – Dr. Elena Karahanna

Education – Dr. Laura Bierema

Environment and Design – Mr. James Reap

(also representing Public Health, Social Work, and Ecology)

Family and Consumer Sciences - Dr. Joan Fischer, absent, Dr. Barbara Grossman, substituting

Journalism and Mass Communication - Mr. David Hazinski

Public and International Affairs - Dr. Audrey Haynes, absent

Veterinary Medicine – Dr. Branson Ritchie, absent

(also representing Pharmacy, Law, and Engineering)

Provost's Representative – Dr. Laura Jolly, absent, Dr. Hugh Ruppensburg, substituting

Undergraduate Student Representative – Mr. Alex Caille, absent

Graduate/Professional Student Representative – Ms. Heather Hershey, absent

Guests:

Dr. Jan Hathcote

The Educational Affairs Committee met on April 28, 2014, at 3:35 p.m.

Minutes of the March 24, 2014, meeting were approved.

Rodney Mauricio updated the committee on the results of the Petition Subcommittee meeting held since the last Educational Affairs Committee meeting. On April 28, 2014, 26 appeals were reviewed, 17 were approved and 9 were denied.

The committee briefly discussed appeals involving incomplete grades that were recently considered by the Petitions Subcommittee.

Members were asked again to serve on summer Petition Subcommittees. Since the last meeting, a change in the date of service which affects members who rotate off the committee in 2014 was approved. New members will begin serving on the committee on July 1, 2014, and are eligible to serve on the Petitions Subcommittee after this date. Dr. Mauricio will contact new members about serving on the July 16, 2014, subcommittee. He also asked that someone currently on the committee agree to serve on the subcommittee in July to ensure that a member with experience with petitions is included. Roxanne Eberle agreed to serve on the July 16, 2014, subcommittee.

The committee discussed appeals received regarding the reinstatement procedure, which is a financial procedure and is not appealable to the committee. A recommendation was made to the Registrar to include a statement that students cannot appeal to the Educational Affairs Committee. A suggestion was also made to include wording on the committee's website stating that reinstatement appeals will not be considered by the committee. The committee agreed to submit a recommendation to the Center for Teaching and Learning to request that the office no longer drop students from eLC rolls for non-payment until the final reinstatement deadline. Currently, there is a delay in removing students from eLC rolls which results in some students being removed from the eLC roll after they have paid for the semester and are reinstated.

The committee discussed the recently revised late add procedure which requires students to submit additional justification to the Registrar for approval to late add courses after the withdrawal deadline. Since this requirement was added, late add requests have significantly decreased. The committee will only review appeals for late add requests after a student has followed the required process and the request has been denied by the Registrar. A revision in the course change policy to include wording regarding appeals will be considered by the committee at a future meeting.

The committee discussed hardship withdrawals during summer sessions and partial terms. The committee agreed that Dr. Alan Campbell of Student Support Services will only assign a WP for courses scheduled during these terms for hardship withdrawals if a grade has not been previously assigned. If a grade has been assigned, the student must appeal to the Petitions Subcommittee.

The committee considered a proposal to increase the number of credit hours a student can register for without receiving an override. A motion was made to increase the proposed maximum number of hours from 18 hours to 19 hours; however, a second was not received. A motion was denied to table the proposal. After much discussion, the committee denied the request and agreed to reconsider the proposal if additional information is provided at a future meeting.

Dr. Mauricio thanked the members who are rotating off the committee this year for serving on the committee.

The committee unanimously re-elected Dr. Mauricio as Chair of the Educational Affairs Committee for the 2014-2015 Academic Year.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rodney Mauricio
Chair, Educational Affairs Committee