



University Council

Educational Affairs Committee – 2017-2018

Dr. Mark Farmer, Arts and Sciences (Sciences), Chair

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences - Dr. Jean Williams-Woodward, absent, Dr. Elizabeth Little, substituting (also representing Forestry and Natural Resources)

Arts and Sciences - Dr. Barbara Biesecker (Arts)
Dr. Steven Lewis (Sciences)

Business – Dr. Santanu Chatterjee

Education – Dr. Diane Cooper, absent

Environment and Design – Mr. Ronald Sawhill

Family and Consumer Sciences - Dr. Denise Lewis

Journalism and Mass Communication – Dr. Jeong-Yeob Han, absent

Public and International Affairs – Dr. Teena Wilhelm

Veterinary Medicine – Dr. Susan Williams, absent, Dr. Teena Wilhelm, proxy
(also representing Pharmacy, Law, and Engineering)

Provost's Representative – Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

Undergraduate Student Representative – Ms. Roya Naghepour

Graduate/Professional Student Representative – Mr. Michael Snell, absent

Guests:

Dr. Russell Mumper	Mr. Phillip Griffith
Dr. William Vencill	Ms. Erin Benson

The Educational Affairs Committee met on February 26, 2018, at 3:30 p.m. in 315 New College.

Minutes from the January 22, 2018, meeting were approved.

Mark Farmer reported that since the last meeting of the Educational Affairs Committee, the Petitions Subcommittee reviewed 20 student appeals. Of those appeals, 16 were approved, 3 were denied, and 1 was tabled.

The committee continued discussion of the Presidential Scholars and Dean's List Policy and how this policy affects students with disabilities. Erin Benson from the Disability Resource Center (DRC) explained how students qualify for accommodation for a reduced credit hour load. The committee's preference is for the DRC to determine what is considered an appropriate load for students with disabilities in regards to qualifying for the Dean's List.

The committee considered revisions to the policy, including reducing the number of hours students must complete for Presidential Honors from 14 to 12, and increasing the minimum

grade point average to qualify for Dean's List from 3.50 to 3.70. A motion was made to make these revisions to the policy. A vote was called and the motion was approved.

Mark Farmer will amend the policy revision, and then the proposal will be forwarded to the Executive Committee of the University Council for consideration.

The next Educational Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



Mark Farmer, Chair
Educational Affairs Committee

cc: Provost Pamela Whitten
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav