



University Council

Educational Affairs Committee – 2017-2018

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

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

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

Business – Dr. Santanu Chatterjee, Dr. Henry Munneke, substituting

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, Dr. Teena Wilhelm, proxy
(also representing Pharmacy, Law, and Engineering)

Provost's Representative – Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

Undergraduate Student Representative – Ms. Roya Naghepour, Mr. Kalvis Golde, substituting

Graduate/Professional Student Representative – Mr. Michael Snell, Ms. Johnita Daniel, substituting

Guests:

Dr. Russell Mumper

Ms. Rebekah Parker

Dr. William Vencill

Mr. Adam Lawrence

The Educational Affairs Committee met on November 6, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. in 315 New College.

Minutes of the October 16, 2017, meeting were approved.

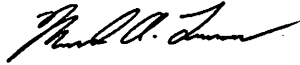
Since the last meeting of the Educational Affairs Committee, the Board of Regents adopted a new policy giving the president of each USG institution the authority to set the Academic Calendar for their institution. President Morehead has delegated the responsibility of creating the University of Georgia's academic calendar to the Vice President for Instruction, with the Educational Affairs Committee acting as an advisory committee. Therefore, academic calendars will no longer be approved by the University Council. Dr. Shrivastav, Vice President for Instruction, encouraged the Educational Affairs Committee to continue their discussion of the calendar, and will consider their recommendations while creating the final version.

The Graduate Student representative presented a suggestion from the Graduate/Professional Student Association to begin fall semester a week early, which would allow for a full week mid-semester break similar to Spring Break. The merits of this suggestion were discussed.

Dr. Farmer distributed a draft calendar for the 2019-2020 academic year based on the previous meetings' discussion and his subsequent meeting with the President's office. The Student Government Association also distributed a draft calendar based on feedback received from undergraduate students. The committee discussed the strengths and weaknesses of both calendars, but as this is no longer an action item for the Educational Affairs Committee, no vote was taken.

The next Educational Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.



Mark Farmer, Chair
Educational Affairs Committee

cc: Provost Pamela S. Whitten
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav