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Educational Affairs Committee - Minutes

October 19, 2016 – 3:00 p.m.

New College – Room 315

Members Present: Jean Williams-Woodward (Chair), Barbara Biesecker, Andy Carswell, Diane Cooper, Mark Farmer, Jeong-Yeob Han, Steven Lewis, Henry Munneke (proxy for Pagnattaro), Rahul Shrivastav, David Spooner, Jacob Fucetola, Michael Snell (proxy for Fallaize)

Others: Debbie Bell (OVPI), Sara Wood (OVPI), Jan Hathcote (Registrar), Russell Mumper (Office of Provost), Whit Carpenter (Red & Black), Lee Shearer (Athens Banner-Herald)

Dr. Jean Williams-Woodward called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and introduced Dr. Diane Cooper as the new representative from the College of Education. The August 26, 2016 minutes were approved.

Dr. Williams-Woodward reported that since the last meeting of the Educational Affairs Committee, the Petitions Subcommittee reviewed 45 student appeals and approved 34 and denied 11. Dr. Farmer mentioned that it seems students are still unsure about whether to re-register for a course in which an Incomplete grade has been assigned and suggested that Banner might be programed to give the student an alert if the student attempts to register for the course.

Academic Calendar: Dr. Williams-Woodward asked Dr. Carswell to explain the EAC Calendar Subcommittee's (Carswell, Owsiak, Pagnattaro and Fucetola) proposal for revisions to the spring 2018 calendar. Dr. Carswell reported that the Subcommittee considered issues of the current early starting date for the term, the Board of Regents' and federal requirements for the length of a term and number of instructional minutes required and mandatory final exams. The proposal the Subcommittee presented moved the start date of the term from Thursday, January 4 to Monday, January 8 and reduced the term to a 14-week + exam calendar.

The Committee engaged in a lengthy discussion about the proposal. Without changing the university's current final exam policy, the proposal would not be in alignment with federal guidelines. In addition, only making changes to spring 2018 would complicate summer and fall 2018 calendars. Members discussed the number of summer terms adding to the calendar complications.

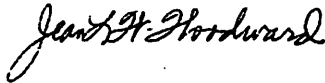
A motion was made to table the proposal and ask the Subcommittee to bring back to the committee calendars for spring, summer, fall 2018 that meet BOR and federal requirements. A separate Subcommittee made up of Steve Lewis (Chair), Barbara Biesecker, Mark Farmer and Jacob Fucetola was formed to explore changing the length of time classes meet and how that might solve some calendar issues. Henry Munneke and Michael Snell were invited to participate on the subcommittee as well.

Presidential Scholar/Dean's List: The committee continued their discussion about Presidential/Dean's list designation for summer semesters. Information was provided about peer and aspirational institutions and honors designations. The committee agreed that it would be helpful to have more UGA data before proposing changes to the current policy. The Registrar agreed to provide the information before the next meeting.

Academic Honesty Report: In accordance with university policy, the 2015-2016 Academic Honesty was sent to the EAC members and will move forward as an information item to the University Council's Executive Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting of the Educational Affairs Committee is scheduled for February 8, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean Williams-Woodward".

Jean Williams-Woodward
Chair, Educational Affairs Committee

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