



## University Council

### Educational Affairs Committee – 2019-2020

Mark Farmer, Chair of the Educational Affairs Committee

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences – Jean Williams-Woodward, absent

Arts and Sciences – Samantha Joye, absent

Jean Martin-Williams, absent

Business – Santanu Chatterjee

Annette Poulsen

Education – Laura Bierema

Engineering – Sudhagar Mani, represented by proxy

Environment and Design – Ronald Sawhill

*(also representing Public Health and Social Work)*

Family and Consumer Sciences – Denise Lewis, absent

Forestry and Natural Resources – Puneet Dwivedi, absent

*(also representing Ecology)*

Journalism and Mass Communication – Shira Chess

Public and International Affairs – Teena Wilhelm, represented by proxy

Veterinary Medicine – Susan Williams

*(also representing Pharmacy and Law)*

Provost's Representative – Rahul Shrivastav

Undergraduate Student Representative – Matthew McDaniel

Graduate/Professional Student Representative – Cynthia Tope, substituting for Jordan Henley

Guests: Phillip Griffeth

William Vencill

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The Educational Affairs Committee met on February 24, 2020, at 3:30 p.m. in 315 New College.

The minutes of the November 18, 2019, meeting were approved as distributed.

Chair Mark Farmer reported that since the last EAC meeting, the Petitions Subcommittee has reviewed 55 student appeals. Of those appeals, 46 were approved and nine were denied.

A discussion occurred on the effectiveness of the graduation requirement for undergraduate students to pass one semester credit hour of basic physical education. Following discussion, Dr. Farmer requested that feedback be obtained from the College of Education on the rationale for the requirement and the role it plays in the overall education of undergraduate students.

The committee discussed providing feedback on the USG redesign of the General Education Curriculum by the deadline of Friday, February 28.

Dr. Farmer presented as action items a proposal to revise Policy 4.06-5, Air Force ROTC Commitment and Summer Break, a proposal to revise Policy 4.06-2, Religious Holidays Attendance Policy, and a proposal to create a new Policy 4.06-6, University-Sponsored Activities. All three items were passed at the November 18, 2019, EAC meeting and forwarded to the University Curriculum Committee for feedback. The items as presented on the day's agenda reflected new language based on that feedback. The EAC voted to approve the three updated proposals. Dr. Farmer stated that he would take the proposals back to the University Curriculum Committee for further feedback on the updated language before submitting to the Executive Committee for consideration.

The committee discussed as an information item a draft of the 2021-2022 academic calendar that was submitted to the committee by Vice President Shrivastav. The committee provided feedback on the proposed calendar, including a request from SGA that a full week of Thanksgiving break be included in the final version.

Dr. Farmer provided an update on the proposed Daily Class Schedule revisions. Data from the UGA Police Department and UGA Transportation, as well as data on course scheduling broken down by time and day, was presented for discussion. The consensus from the committee was that lengthening the time between classes would have a downstream effect on numerous campus constituents. The committee agreed that spreading out the scheduling of courses throughout the day would have a better impact for students and the campus. The committee further agreed that the existing policy that states academic units should not schedule more than 50% of their courses by prefix on Tuesday/Thursday or more than 50% of the courses between 10 am and 2 pm on any day of the week should be enforced during the next semester of course scheduling.

Before adjourning, Vice President Shrivastav polled the committee for opinions on the possibility of using the learning software Grammarly on campus.

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m. The next meeting of the Educational Affairs Committee is scheduled for March 23, 2020.



Mark Farmer, Chair  
Educational Affairs Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu  
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav