Report of the Education Affairs Committee to University Council

April 26, 2017

Since the last report to University Council, the Educational Affairs Committee met on March 29, 2017 at 3:30 pm in 315 New College. Mark Farmer, Professor in the Department of Cellular Biology, was elected by unanimous consent to chair the committee for the 2017-2018 academic year. The committee also discussed possible changes to the student appeal process where some appeals may be handled directly by the Office of the Registrar. A subcommittee was formed including Jean Williams-Woodward, Steven Lewis, Andrew Owsiak, and Jeong-Yeob Han to further review the student appeal process and routing of appeals. Since our last report to Council, the EAC petitions subcommittee has reviewed 32 student appeals, and approved 20, denied 11, and tabled 1.

The EAC also continued discussion on a block scheduling proposal that would modify class period starting and ending times as a possible means of addressing student and faculty concerns for teaching, research, and experiential learning scheduling concerns. Calendar and class scheduling development will continue into the next academic year.

Respectfully submitted,

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