



University Council

Educational Affairs Committee – 2017-2018

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The Educational Affairs Committee met on January 22, 2018. Since the last report to University Council, the Petitions Subcommittee has reviewed 55 appeals. Of these appeals, 39 were approved, 14 were denied, and 2 were tabled.

The committee discussed the Final Examination Schedule Conflicts policy. Currently, students do not have a deadline to petition to have exams rescheduled, which can cause last minute rescheduling issues. The committee recommended that the deadline for petitions be the withdrawal deadline in any given semester. A vote was called and the motion was approved. This proposal was to be forwarded to the Executive Committee of the University Council for consideration.

The committee reviewed the Graduation with Honors criteria change which was approved by EAC in 2014 and will be effective fall semester 2018. The committee had no concerns about the new criteria.

In consultation with the Educational Affairs Committee, Vice President for Instruction Shrivastav has proposed an academic year calendar for 2019-2020 and this calendar has been approved by President Morehead. In receiving input from students and faculty, the EAC recommended that the fall semester begin on, or after, August 15 and that fall commencement occur no later than the second Friday in December. In order to accomplish this and still meet

USG Board of Regents requirements as well as Federal guidelines as to what constitutes a semester, the 2019-2020 calendar will have classes being taught on the Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week. This brings UGA in line with most of our peer and aspirant institutions as well as with other USG institutions.

Details of the academic year calendar for 2019-2020 will be presented to University Council.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Farmer".

Mark Farmer, Chair
Educational Affairs Committee

cc: Provost Pamela Whitten
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav