



University Council

Educational Affairs Committee – 2018-2019

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Agricultural and Environmental Sciences – Dr. Jean Williams-Woodward
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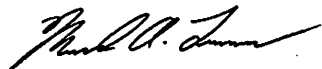
The Educational Affairs Committee met on February 26 and March 23, 2018. Since the last report to University Council, the Petitions Subcommittee has reviewed 39 student appeals. Of these, 31 were approved, 7 were denied, and 1 was tabled.

At the February 26 meeting, the committee revised the Presidential Scholars and Dean's List policy. The committee subsequently agreed to additional revisions via email to clarify the changes. At the March 23 meeting, the committee discussed the most recent changes and agreed to leave the proposed revisions in place. This proposal was forwarded to the Executive Committee of the University Council for consideration. Concerns were raised by the Executive Committee, who returned the proposal to the Educational Affairs Committee for further revision.

The committee previously approved and forwarded a revision to the Final Examination Conflicts policy to the Executive Committee that required students to make accommodations for final exam conflicts on or before the withdrawal deadline for the semester. A number of concerns were raised by the Executive Committee about the revised policy. The committee discussed the revised policy and agreed Mark Farmer will amend the revised policy and distribute it to the committee for review.

The committee continued discussion of a potential block-scheduling proposal. Committee members will contact department heads across campus to share this proposed plan and get feedback. To aid in these discussions, Mark Farmer and Steven Lewis will create and distribute a short sample plan and FAQ sheet to the committee.

The committee re-elected Mark Farmer as Chair of the Educational Affairs Committee for the 2018-2019 academic year.

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

Mark Farmer, Chair
Educational Affairs Committee

cc: Provost Pamela Whitten
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav