University Council

Educational Affairs Committee – 2018-2019
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The Educational Affairs Committee met on August 27, 2018, at 3:30 p.m. Since the last report to University Council, the Petitions Subcommittee has reviewed 149 student appeals. Of those appeals, 98 were approved and 51 were denied.

The Office of Academic Honesty and Student Appeals demonstrated Advocate, the new system being used for Educational Affairs Committee members to review student appeals.

The committee discussed proposed revisions to Policy 4.02-3, University Policy on Course Drops and Withdrawals. The proposed revision affects the policy on retroactive hardship withdrawals. In the proposed revision, the Office of Student Care and Outreach would approve retroactive hardship withdrawals until the withdrawal deadline of the semester following the semester for which the hardship withdrawal is sought. Any appeals made after that point would be to the Educational Affairs Committee. After some discussion, the committee unanimously approved the proposal with a friendly amendment to clarify wording regarding financial and registration holds.

Mark Farmer updated the committee on the status of the revision to the Presidential Scholars and Dean’s List policy that was approved by the Educational Affairs Committee at the February 26, 2018, meeting, and discussed at the March 23, 2018, meeting. The proposal was considered by the Executive Committee and returned for further consideration. Dr. Farmer told the committee he would request additional information from the Office of Institutional Research prior to further discussion.
The committee continued discussion of a potential block-scheduling proposal. The Office of Institutional Research presented information about this proposal, which will continue to be discussed by the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Farmer, Chair
Educational Affairs Committee

cc: Interim Provost Libby Morris
    Dr. Rahul Shrivastav