

**Summary of Report to the University Council by the Educational Affairs Committee,  
April 24, 2006.**

The Educational Affairs Committee met on March 29, 2006. The minutes of the meeting are appended below. Subsequent to the meeting, it was determined that the Legal Affairs Office strongly held that the Student Bill of Rights and the Faculty Initiation of Withdrawal of Students from Courses should both be covered by the Code of Student Conduct. As a result it was determined that responsibility for these matters should be transferred to the Student Affairs Committee, which has exclusive jurisdiction over matters involving the Code of Student Conduct. Members of the Educational Affairs Committee are willing to continue to work with members of the Student Affairs Committee on these issues, if the Student Affairs Committee deems it appropriate to do so.

Preliminary data were received from the Student Financial Aid Office on the issue of affordability of access to UGA for students whose families come from lower economic brackets, but too late for consideration at the EAC meeting. We will plan to examine these data and work toward a proposal to address this situation during the coming academic year.

The Petitions Subcommittee of the Educational Affairs Committee met on March 29 and April 21. The Subcommittee approved eight requests and denied six requests for readmission after second dismissal; approved one request and denied one request for academic renewal; and approved two requests for waivers of degree requirements.

The proposed Academic Calendar for the 2007-2008 Academic Year was presented to the University Council for approval as an action item.

Respectfully submitted,

James L. Anderson, Chair  
Educational Affairs Committee

**MINUTES  
EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
March 29, 2006**

Members Present: James Anderson, Ann Crowther, Laurie Fowler, Karen Leonas, Sarajane Love, David Shipley, William Vencill,  
Guest: Rebecca Macon

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Dr. James Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Dr. Anderson reported that he does not have the data he needs to discuss Needs-based scholarships, but hopes to have a report for a future EAC meeting. He reminded the members that election of the 2006-2007 chair of the Educational Affairs Committee will take place at the first meeting of the committee in August 2006. The minutes of the January 10, 2006 Educational Affairs Committee were approved.

Rebecca Macon, University Registrar presented the 2007-2008 Academic Calendar which was approved by the members and will be forwarded to the Executive Committee of University Council.

The members discussed proposed revisions to the University Council By-laws. Dr. Anderson will send a note to the By-laws Committee chair asking that EAC membership be better defined to include representatives from the major schools/colleges paying particular attention to placement of Council members who deal with undergraduates.

Next a discussion took place about development of a policy or guidelines for Faculty Initiated Withdrawal of a student for reasons other than non-attendance or disruptions

covered under the Student Code of Conduct. Dr. Anderson will work on wording of such a policy and send it to the EAC members for discussion and a vote.

The Student's Bill of Rights will be sent to the UC Student Affairs Committee for future revisions and possible discussion and approval by the University Council.

Dr. Anderson did not receive revised wording from the Franklin College's Faculty Senate related to reducing the time allowed for a grade appeal to be initiated by a student as expected so this matter was not voted on by the EAC members.

Finally, the Educational Affairs Committee Operating Procedures (Academic Affairs Policy Manual - General Academic Policy: Student Appeals) was approved with minor revisions.

The final EAC meeting of the 2005-2006 academic year adjourned at approximately 4:10 p.m.