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EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – 2014-2015

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The Educational Affairs Committee met on April 28, August 18, and October 13. Since the last report to University Council, the Petitions Subcommittee met eight times and reviewed 204 appeals. Of these appeals, 139 were approved and 65 were denied.

The committee discussed appeals received regarding the reinstatement procedure, which is a financial procedure and is not appealable to the committee. A recommendation was made to the Registrar to include a statement that students cannot appeal to the Educational Affairs Committee. A suggestion was also made to include wording on the committee's website stating that reinstatement appeals will not be considered by the committee. The committee agreed to submit a recommendation to the Center for Teaching and Learning to request that the office no longer drop students from eLC rolls for non-payment until the final reinstatement deadline.

The committee discussed the recently revised late add procedure which requires students to submit additional justification to the Registrar for approval to late add courses after the withdrawal deadline. Since this requirement was added, late add requests have significantly decreased. The committee will only review appeals for late add requests after a student has followed the required process and the request has been denied by the Registrar. A revision in the course change policy to include wording regarding appeals will be considered by the committee at a future meeting.

The committee discussed hardship withdrawals during summer sessions and partial terms. The committee agreed that Dr. Alan Campbell of Student Support Services will only assign a WP for courses scheduled during

these terms for hardship withdrawals if a grade has not been previously assigned. If a grade has been assigned, the student must appeal to the Petitions Subcommittee.

The committee denied a request to increase the number of credit hours a student can register for without receiving an override. The committee agreed to reconsider the proposal if additional information is provided at a future meeting.

The committee held a panel discussion on Academic Support for Students with Disabilities with guests from the Office of Student Support Services, the Disability Resource Center, the Collegiate Recovery Community, and the Regents' Center for Learning Disorders.

The committee discussed courses that are scheduled outside the regular semester dates. The departments should submit a request for approval before offering any courses outside of the approved calendar dates or times. The Office of Curriculum Systems will review online and hybrid courses.

The committee discussed revisions to the Withdrawal Policy which include changing the grading for withdrawals from WF or WP to W and removing the undergraduate limit of four withdrawals. The committee unanimously approved the proposal to revise the policy with an effective date of fall semester 2014. If the proposal is approved by University Council, any WFs assigned in fall semester 2014 will be changed to W by the Office of the Registrar. The committee decided that the Petitions Subcommittee will not hear any appeals based on this revision to the Withdrawal Policy.

The committee briefly discussed a new Academic Calendar Committee being formed at the University level. The Educational Affairs Committee will be represented on this committee.

At the April 28, 2014, meeting, the committee unanimously re-elected Dr. Mauricio as Chair of the Educational Affairs Committee for the 2014-2015 Academic Year.

Respectfully submitted,



Rodney Mauricio
Chair, Educational Affairs Committee