

**MINUTES**  
**EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**August 26, 1999**

Members Present: Paul Kurtz, Dan DerVartanian, Tom Brown, Ben Jackson, Fred Stephenson, John Dagley, David Williams, Judith Reiff, and Nancy Canolty

Guests: Ann Crowther - Office of the Vice President for Instruction

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Paul Kurtz, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

The minutes of the April 12, 1999 Educational Affairs Committee were approved.

Professor Kurtz introduced Dr. John Dagley who along with Dr. Annette Poulsen and Dr. Donald Evans will replace Dr. Canolty, Professor Paul, and Professor Kurtz on the Committee this year. Dr. Ann Crowther, Assistant Vice President for Instruction was also introduced to the members.

Dr. Crowther was called upon to explain that because of confusion among academic advisors, some students on academic probation had been advised to register for two classes Summer Semester 1999. Prior to the semester conversion, students on probation were required to take two classes or 10 quarter hours during the Summer term. The University's policy now states that students on academic probation must register for at least nine semester hours and make a term average of 2.3 to avoid dismissal. Several students however, were misadvised and registered for only six hours which placed them on dismissal. To further complicate the issue, students who have been dismissed and readmitted either by their dean or by the Educational Affairs Committee, are not eligible for financial aid the first term of their readmission. Students who are on continued probation are eligible for the aid.

After discussion, the following proposal was made by Professor Kurtz and passed unanimously:

*Based on confusion among academic advisors concerning semester requirements for students on academic probation enrolled in Summer Semester 1999, all students who were placed on academic dismissal (either first or second) at the end of Summer 1999 who earned a GPA of at least 2.3 during the Summer on at least two courses shall be permitted to remain in school Fall Semester 1999 on CONTINUED PROBATION; provided, that they can demonstrate advisement by an academic advisor that the successful completion of two courses would be sufficient to avoid academic dismissal.*

Dr. Crowther suggested that in the future, the Committee consider reviewing the number of hours required for students on probation for the shortened Summer term.

Dr. Thomas Dyer, Vice President for Instruction, thanked Mr. Kurtz for his excellent performance as chair of the Educational Affairs Committee.



Professor Kurtz asked the members to follow up with several agenda items held over for this academic year. These include:

- Calendar issues - possible coordination of Spring Break 2001 with Clarke County Schools and the request by the President for the EAC to address the issue of the University's calendar and religious holidays.
- Honors recognition for students pursuing joint degrees, dual degrees, and double majors
- Consider the request for a maximum number of tests a student should be given in a week
- Review the number of hours students on probation should be required to take during Summer Semester
- Readmission to another school/college for students on dismissal
- Revision of the Educational Affairs Committee's operating guidelines

To maintain consistent decisions on students' academic appeals, he stressed the importance of the chair of the EAC serving on each petitions subcommittee. The floor was then opened for nominations for the 1999-2000 Educational Affairs Committee chair.

Dr. Dan DeVartanian nominated Dr. David Williams – this was seconded by Dr. Judith Reiff. The Committee voted unanimously for Dr. Williams' appointment. Professor Williams accepted his new role and also thanked Professor Kurtz for his good work.

Dr. Crowther presented two student petitions for the Committee's review. Both were cases of possible misadvisement concerning the number of hours required for Summer Semester, but these students did not enroll in at least two classes, so were not covered under the proposal passed by the EAC. After reviewing the information provided, the Committee voted unanimously to grant the students' requests for readmission.

Professor Canolty moved that the meeting be adjourned at 4:50 p.m.