

Minutes
Educational Affairs Committee Meeting
March 30, 1994

Present: Carol Meeks, Fran Teague, Spencer Tinkham, Peter Dress, Emmett Shotts, Dwight Coulter, Brenda Manning, Dwight Coulter, Betty Whitten and Gary Moore (for Bruce Shutt, ex-Officio)

Carol Meeks welcomed representatives of the Student Government Association: Scott Tarranto, Nicki Bagley, and Lisa Windholtz. The students presented a proposal for a publication giving the distributions of grades for all undergraduate courses, student evaluations of instructors, and the distribution of students' grade point averages. After some discussion it was agreed that since the University did not produce reports or publication giving the requested information, analysis would be required to produce the information. The problems of possible bias in and meaning of student evaluations of the faculty performance and with publishing distributions of students' grade point averages was discussed. The students stated that they would not publish comments from selected students in each class because of the bias that might be produced and that the average of the grade point averages of students in each class might be sufficient. They agreed to study the issues further. The committee advised them that they may wish to visit with the Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs to determine what data are available through the open records law.

The Subcommittee on Course Modification and Substitution for Students with Disabilities presented the attached proposal. The Committee approved the proposal and thanked the Subcommittee for their work on this important document.

The status of the Academic Honesty Policy was discussed. Betty Whitten reported that Ms. Bryndis Roberts had written that she could find no casework that would prohibit the University from restricting all advisors, including attorneys, in the Academic Honesty Hearings from speaking at the hearing.

Respectively submitted,

Betty Whitten, Secretary