



Educational Affairs Committee - Minutes

March 11, 2011 – 9:30 a.m.

New College – Room 315

Members Present: Marisa Pagnattaro (Chair), Laura Jolly, Robert Moser, Lauren Moret, Wells Ellenberg, Peggy Kreshel, Stephen Rathbun, Jeff Dorfman, Silvia Giraudo, Gayle Andrews

Others: Rebecca Macon (Registrar), Fiona Liken (OVPI), Maggie Kerins (OVPI), Jan Hathcote (FACS)

Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., and the February 16, 2011 minutes were approved. Dr. Pagnattaro updated the Committee on the status of the withdrawal policy proposal. The Executive Committee of the University Council approved its placement on the March agenda, but wanted EAC to discuss the possibility of creating a third withdrawal grade to designate administrative withdrawals. Ms. Rebecca Macon voiced two concerns 1) this grade would stand out on a transcript, therefore challenging the intent of the withdrawal policy; and 2) a new “W” designation would create confusion for individuals reviewing UGA transcripts. After discussing these concerns, the Committee voted to keep this aspect of the policy unchanged.

P.E. and Residency Requirement: In our February 16, 2011 meeting, the EAC voted to allow one P.E. hour to count for resident credit. Later that day, however, the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) voted not to count the one-hour P.E. requirement. Dr. Jan Hathcote, who chaired that (UCC) meeting, explained the rationale for the UCC vote and asked EAC 1) to discuss the jurisdiction of the item as under UCC or EAC; and 2) to reconsider its stance on the issue. A short discussion followed, and without any strong opposition to the one-hour P.E. requirement not counting towards the residency requirement, EAC deferred to the UCC on this issue.

2012-2013 Academic Calendar: Rebecca Macon presented the Proposed 2011-2012 Academic Calendar. Although the Committee discussed the possibility of starting Spring Break a week later, the proposed calendar was approved and will move forward to University Council Executive Committee for approval.

Election of 2011-2012 EAC Chair: The Committee elected Dr. Rodney Mauricio, *in absentia*, to be the EAC chair for the upcoming academic year.

The final meeting of the 2010-2011 academic year adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Office of the Vice President for Instruction