

MINUTES
EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
November 2, 2004

Members Present: Malcolm Adams, James Anderson, Woody Beck, Rose Chepyator-Thomson, Brad Courtenay, Ann Crowther, Elena Karahanna, Karen Leonas, Susan Sanchez, Karen Shetterley, David Shipley, Jeff Lake

Guests: Rebecca Macon, Registrar

Karen Shetterley called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. The Annual Report on Academic Honesty was distributed. Dr. Adams reminded the members that there was a request last year for the annual report to include the number of allegations related to graduate level courses. Debbie Bell from the Office of the Vice President for Instruction agreed to add that information to the report. Debbie also explained that the OVPI's website will be updated soon to include more specific information related to allegations the Office receives.

Dr. Shetterley distributed the dates for the Petitions Subcommittees scheduled for the 2004-2005 year and reminded the members that each should serve on at least 3 Subcommittees a year. The minutes of the September 21, 2004 meeting were approved.

The next item for discussion was the proposed changes in the Presidential Scholar policy. At the last meeting, the committee voted to change the number of hours required for Presidential Scholar status from 12 hours to 15 hours and to qualify the hours as "graded". The members discussed qualifying the requirement further by adding that a minimum of 12 of the 15 hours be courses graded A-F for the fall and spring semester and that 9 hours with a minimum of 6 hours coursework graded A-F during summer semester. The Dean's List requirements were then discussed and the suggestion was made to increase the hour required for this honor to be consistent with that of the Presidential Scholar. It was decided not to qualify the Dean's List courses by specifying graded hours. By a vote of 12-1 the following motion was passed and will be sent forward to the Executive Committee for consideration and placement on the University Council agenda:

The University encourages excellence in scholarship and gives recognition to students whose work is superior by publishing the Presidential Scholar and Dean's Lists from each school or college at the end of each semester. To be named a presidential scholar, students must have achieved during the preceding semester a grade point average of 4.00, earned at least 15 hours, with a minimum of 12 hours in courses graded A-F (9 hours during summer semester, with a minimum of 6 hours in courses graded A-F) numbered 1000 or higher, and received no unsatisfactory or incomplete grades. Students who are not named a Presidential Scholar in a given semester will be named to the Dean's List if they have achieved during the preceding semester a grade point average greater than or equal to 3.50; earned at least 15 hours (6 hours during summer semester) in courses numbered 1000 or higher; and received no grades below a B, no unsatisfactory grades, and no incomplete grades.

Dr. Shetterley reported that she is still looking for volunteers to serve on the subcommittee to review issues related to Drop/Add. She suggested that she ask a member of the Academic Advising Coordinating Council to serve on the subcommittee along with Jeff Lake. Rebecca Macon asked to be included as an ex-officio member. The members discussed concerns that may be of interest to the subcommittee

There being no more business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30. The next full meeting of the Educational Affairs Committee will be January 11, 2005 at 10:30 a.m.