



University Council

Educational Affairs Committee 2023-2024

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences – Susana Ferreira

Arts and Sciences – Erin Dolan

Jennifer Rice

Business – Margaret Christ (chair)

Laura Little

Education – Janette Hill- absent

Engineering – Brock Woodson

Family and Consumer Sciences – Sheri Worthy

Forestry and Natural Resources – Nick Fuhrman- absent

(also representing Ecology)

Journalism and Mass Communication – Shira Chess

Public and International Affairs – Alexa Bankert

Provost- Jack Hu- absent

Social Work- Rachel Fusco- absent

(also representing Public Health and Environment and Design)

Veterinary Medicine – Susan Sanchez- present

(also representing Law and Pharmacy)

Undergraduate Student Representative – Vacant

Graduate/Professional Student Representative – Samantha Khatri

Guests: Robert Bringolf

Courtney Cullen

Phillip Griffeth

William Vencill

The Educational Affairs Committee met August 28, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. in 315 New College.

Following introductions from committee members, a motion to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2023, meeting was made by Erin Dolan and seconded by Shira Chess. A vote was called, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Chair Margaret Christ reported that since the last EAC meeting in April, the Petitions Subcommittee reviewed 59 appeals with 48 approved and 11 denied.

The committee discussed a proposal from a subcommittee of the EAC formed in the spring concerning proposed revisions to the University Withdrawal policy that addresses retroactive hardship withdrawals. Following discussion, a vote was called, and the proposal was unanimously approved to be forwarded to the University Curriculum Committee.

The committee discussed an issue previously considered during the spring concerning providing feedback and assessment to students in a timely manner. The committee also discussed class syllabus language and the lack of clarity in some syllabi on campus regarding providing assessment to students. Committee members agreed to go back to their schools and colleges to discuss these issues and then provide feedback to the full EAC at its next meeting, including learning how many grade appeals in each school and college have been granted because of an error in a syllabus.

The committee discussed the course repeat policy and agreed to consider revisions to the policy at a future meeting.

The committee reviewed a draft of the 2024-2025 academic calendar and provided feedback to the Registrar.

Chair Christ provided copies of the petition subcommittee schedule to members and reminded them of their commitment to serve on the subcommittee.

The meeting then adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Christ, Chair
Educational Affairs Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu
Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro