

MINUTES
EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
October 30, 2006

Members Present: James Anderson, Ann Crowther, Dan DerVartanian, Laurie Fowler, Loch Johnson, Sarajane Love, Denise Mewborn, David Shipley, William Vencill, Kathryn Bowers, Todd Hawley

Guests: Rebecca Quigley (Athens Banner Herald), Kelly Proctor (Red & Black), Larry Dendy (University Communications), Arnett Mace (Senior VP & Provost), Jere Morehead (Vice Provost for Academic Affairs), Rebecca Macon, (Registrar), William Barstow (Arts & Sciences), Debbie Bell (Office of the VP for Instruction)

Dr. James Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and the September 18, 2006 minutes were approved.

The committee reviewed the 2005-2006 annual report on Academic Honesty. Provost Mace outlined 2005-2006 data related to students who were reported for a second violation of the University's academic honesty policy. Dr. Mace explained that on more than one occasion, the faculty member who reported the second violation withdrew the charge when it was explained that a subsequent violation results in expulsion and a dishonesty transcript notation. He asked the EAC members to consider reviewing "A Culture of Honesty" for possible revisions related to subsequent violations. Denise Mewborn, Jim Anderson, and Todd Hawley agreed to serve on a subcommittee that will meet with the academic honesty coordinator to review the policy and determine if revisions are necessary.

Dr. Vencill reported that the Fall Break Task Force met two times and reached a compromise that will be presented to the EAC when the 2008-2009 academic calendar is submitted to the committee for approval. The 2008 Fall Semester would begin on a Monday, with Fall Break on the Friday prior to the UGA – FL football game. In addition, there would be no classes the week of Thanksgiving. Due to the December 9 final day of classes that would be necessitated under this schedule, the Board of Regents will need to approve the schedule for it to be implemented, since this date is later than their normal guidelines. The EAC members voted to support this compromise.

Dr. Anderson reported that he will bring the topic of need-based scholarships to a future meeting. He hopes to include Dr. Cornwell, Dr. Mustard, Dr. Bachtel, and Ms. Susan Little in the discussion.

Dr. Anderson reported on his participation on the Subcommittee of the University Curriculum Committee reviewing the +/- grading system. Kathryn Bowers explained that from a student stand point, the system seem punitive because there is no A+ to balance out a C-. Rebecca Macon asked the members to keep in mind that because the system has been in place only 1 term (summer) a study should be postponed until a complete cycle (1 year) has occurred.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:35 p.m. The next meeting of the Educational Affairs Committee is scheduled for 3:30 p.m., November 20 in room 143 of the Tate Center.