

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Annual Report of the Educational Policy Committee to Faculty Council  
February 22, 2008

**Membership:**

Beverly Foster (2008, at-large, Chair), Donna Gilleskie (2010, at-large), Peter Gordon (2008, at-large), Stuart Macdonald (2010, at-large), David Montgomerie (2008, graduate student), Lisa Norberg (2010, at-large), Andrew Perrin (2009, at-large), Alice Poehls (University Registrar, ex officio), Mike Radionchenko (2008, undergraduate student), Gwendolyn Sancar (2009, at-large), Mark Schoenfisch (2008, at-large), Kevin Stewart (2009, at-large).

**Meetings:**

The Educational Policy Committee (EPC) met monthly in fall semester: October 10, October 17, November 7 and December 5, 2007. Meetings were 90 minutes in length and held in a conference room of the House Undergraduate Library. Meetings in spring semester were held on January 16 and February 20, 2008 from 8:30-10:00 AM in a conference room in Davis Library. Meetings are planned for March 19 and April 16, 2008 at the same time and in the same location. Minutes of meetings are posted on the Faculty Council website.

**Committee Charge:**

“The committee is concerned with those matters of educational policy and its implementation as to which the Faculty Council possess legislative powers by delegation from the General faculty under Article II of the *Code*. The committee’s function is advisory to the Faculty Council... (article 4.6, *Faculty Code of University Governance*).”

**Summary of Activities:**

In order to facilitate early appointment of student members, EPC agreed that the selection of a chair and the determination of the meeting schedule for the forthcoming academic year be addressed at the last meeting of spring semester rather than the first meeting of fall semester. A regular meeting day and time was recommended.

The Priority Registration Proposal was debated thoroughly by EPC and, after several iterations with the originating task force, Chaired by Steve Resnick, was brought to Faculty Council for discussion and vote in fall. Priority Registration Advisory Committee (PRAC) membership and implementation guidelines were presented by Alice Poehls, University Registrar and approved in January 2008.

The committee discussed at length changes in regulations governing degree credit for distance education courses submitted to EPC by Holden Thorp, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences. EPC approved the proposal on January 16, but subsequently Dean Thorp decided that this matter was more properly within the jurisdiction of the Administrative Board of the College and withdrew his request for further consideration by EPC and Faculty Council.

Remaining business for the spring semester includes the consideration of three proposals for transcript remarks and a proposal for a possible pilot project related to the Achievement Index (AI).

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