

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**FACULTY COUNCIL**  
**2006-2007**  
**Thomas E. Frank, Chair**

The Faculty Council enjoyed high levels of attendance and participation, especially from its eight appointed members. The Council continued to have some problems communicating the urgency of the faculties of the various schools electing representatives in time to serve adequately for the academic year. Discussions were engaging and searching, well representing the Council's role as a venue for conversation and collaboration between University faculty and the offices of President and Provost of the University.

Major action items included:

- Endorsement of a weekly lunch lecture series in collaboration with the Provost's Office, with presentations by outstanding Emory faculty members
- Recommendation of a nominee to deliver the Distinguished Faculty Lecture for 2007-2008
- Endorsement of a plan for a university Center for Teaching and Learning
- Endorsement of a report on policy regarding non tenure track faculty, to be forwarded to the Provost's office and thence to deans of schools

Significant reports received and discussed included:

- Comments from faculty counselors serving on committees of the University Board of Trustees, some of whom are now concluding the terms of office that initiated Emory's distinctive form of faculty representation and communication with the Trustees – all agreeing that this is a most constructive arrangement
- The Year of the Faculty report, incorporating issues and strategies gleaned from discussions across the university, and supported by the Faculty Distinction Fund
- Work Life initiatives that affect faculty, particularly forms of family leave in relation to the tenure clock
- The Emeritus College strategic plan for the next stage of its development
- Emory's marketing strategies

The Faculty Council also offered a venue for stimulating discussions of other strategic items:

- The impact of the Spellings Report on universities like Emory University
- Ways to respond across the university to contending views of the Middle East
- Faculty response to problems of student alcohol and drug abuse
- University budgets and funds
- "Dashboard indicators" of progress on strategic initiatives
- Strategic initiative on Religions and the Human Spirit
- Faculty needs during times of disruptive construction projects