

Minutes of the Emory Faculty Council

March 15, 1994

Present: 42 faculty members from the Faculty Council and Priorities Committee; Interim President Billy Frye, Vice-Provosts Harriet King and Jim Johnson.

Interim President Billy Frye opened this joint meeting of the Faculty Council and the Priorities Committee to stress the importance of interpreting the data produced by the series of faculty conversations held this year and generating consensus about faculty priorities.

A facilitator from the Information Technology Division then divided the group into working groups, which were asked to identify the priorities that emerged from the faculty conversations. Collective discussion focused on organizing specific items into major categories, and finding appropriate descriptions of those categories.

The following categories emerged:

1. Support and Value Teaching and Research;
2. Proactive, Shared Governance That Leads to Faculty Involvement;
3. Rigorous Academic Environment/Ethos at Every Level;
4. Reduce artificial Barriers to Cross-Unit Cooperation;
5. Community Ethos;
6. Identity;
7. Board of Trustees/Administration with Academic Vision;
8. Diversity;
9. Infrastructure;
10. External Outreach;
11. Curriculum.

Each category included a number of specific items/suggestions/recommendations.

Another joint meeting was scheduled for the following week to define the last six categories more clearly, identify the most important issues, and think about specific actions needed to address them. Dr. Frye emphasized that the results of these faculty deliberations would guide decision-making in the future.

Adjourned at 5:30 p.m.