

## Minutes of the Emory Faculty Council

March 21, 1995

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### **Present:**

Beard, Chace, Clark, Freer, Frye, L. Johnson, Kelley, King, Lancaster, Lechner, Lemons, L'Hernault, Letz, Lockhart, Miller, Moneyham, Navarro, Pettigrew, Sherman, and Smith presiding.

Luther Smith opened the meeting and the minutes, of the February 21, 1995, meeting, were approved with the addition to the attendance list of Lancaster.

### **Announcements**

Please encourage nominations for the distinguished faculty lecture series. The nominations should be sent to Frank Lechner, Chair of the Committee. The deadline is March 31.

Town Hall Meeting with President Chace will be on April 10. Please remind your colleagues and encourage them to attend.

Dr. Frye reported on the activities of the Board of Trustees. Of particular interest to members of the Faculty Council was adoption of an interpretation of the Statement of Principles Governing Faculty Relationships that provides that for faculty members who join the faculty at a time other than the beginning of the academic year, the tenure clock does not begin to run until the beginning of the first full academic year in which they are employed. In addition, the Executive Committee recommended change in the Master of Nursing degree to the Master of Science in Nursing, adding the Master of Science in Public Health degree, and creating a Masters in Jewish Studies and a Master of Fine Arts. The latter is approved in principle but with the instruction that it not commence until it is funded. There was a preliminary discussion of the long term financial planning for the Health Sciences that will be discussed further at a special meeting in April.

Dr. Frye then reported on the search for the new Vice President for Health Affairs to replace Dr. Charles Hatcher who is retiring; and reported that the campaign for Emory has achieved about 375 million of the 400 million goal.

Dr. Lockhart presented the 1995-96 basic educational and general budget for the University. In the presentation she pointed out that tuition accounts for about 60% of the total revenue and that the income increases shown on the handouts include unusually large law and college classes. Neither unit intends to continue having classes that large. Endowment income reflects a spending rate not just a transfer of income, and that much of the income from the Woodruff endowment was committed to projects before this budget was prepared. When all factors are considered the budget represents a growth of income of about 6.6%.

The increases were allocated for items that would result in cost savings and for advancement of the academic program. For example, there is enhanced support for students through financial aid, and for faculty through the University Research Committee. She then described the priorities in each of the schools for the allocation of increases available.

Following the presentation, there was a discussion. Members of the Council were reminded that they are free to share the information on pages 1 and 2 of the handout, but that the other information is confidential.

Dr. Lockhart then gave a brief report on undergraduate enrollment which reflects strong improvement over the last 10 years in SAT scores, GPAs and the presence of students from minority groups.

Dr. Smith then presided over a discussion of proposed changes in parking fees. The University Program and Budget Committee had recommended an across the board increase in fees, while the Senate Committee on Parking recommended that the increases vary with the classification of the employee. After extensive discussion a straw vote showed that the Faculty Council was in favor of the across the board increase.

The Faculty Council voted in favor of a motion, made and seconded, that the University Research Council be transferred from the University Senate to the Faculty Council.

Members were reminded that at the next meeting of the University Senate there would be a vote on the proposed increase in the number of members of the University Senate who are staff members, and were admonished to think carefully about the proposal prior to that meeting.