

Minutes of the Emory Faculty Council

April 11, 1995

Present:

Abraham, Bugge, Castellano, Clark, Danner, Freer, Green-Plauth, Johnson, Kelley, King, Kingston, Letz, L'Hernault, Lancaster, Lechner, Liebeskind, Menon, Miller, Millgard, Moneyham, Raggi-Moore, Schlant, and Sherman.

President Luther Smith presided.

Minutes of the meeting of March 21, 1995, were approved as distributed.

Dr. Smith noted that the chairs of the Senate committees had been invited to this meeting of the Council and that many were present.

Rich Freer reported that the charge to the Faculty Relations Committee to create a proposal concerning an ombudsperson for faculty concerns has been delayed because of a pending grievance. The Committee expects to take up the charge after resolution of the grievance and to have a report during the next academic year. In addition, there is an issue surrounding continuity of service on the Faculty Relations Committee. The Committee will consult with the Executive Committee of the Faculty Council concerning the membership and will make a recommendation to the full Council.

Melanie Kingston reported on the Faculty Research Committee for Dr. Neal Smith, Chair. She noted that the money available to the Committee was not sufficient to fund all proposals deemed worthy of support by the Committee although about 50% of requests made were funded. She asked that members of the Council pay close attention to the efficacy section of the written report that was distributed at the meeting.

Mr. Erick Gaither, Director of Parking and Community Services, opened the discussion of parking by providing information about the parking office and its operations. The budget is about six million annually with most of that devoted to the cost of parking decks. For 1995-96 parking rate increases for employees will have to cover about one half million dollars expected increase in costs with another half million to be recouped from increased use and the university benefit pool. In the general discussion about parking rates and access Gaither noted that the University is trying to make alternative forms of transportation to campus more attractive such as paying for MARTA cards and reducing the costs of carpool parking. Nonetheless planners expect the demand for parking to exceed the supply. A number of suggestions were made about ways to improve the current allocation of space and the pricing for its use.

Harriet King reported for Dr. Frye on the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Luther Smith summarized the report he made to the Board of Trustees concerning the work of the University Senate and Faculty Council.

Frank Lechner reported for the committee to select a distinguished faculty lecturer. Several nominees were discussed and a written ballot was taken to select a name to forward to the President.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.