

## Minutes of the Emory Faculty Council

September 20, 1994

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Present: L. Baird, P. Castellano, W. Chace, T. Clark, J. Crooks, L. Delice, M. Duncan, B. Frye, B. Greene, F. Lechner, L. Johnson, M. Kelley, H. King, T. Lancaster, C. Lemmons, L. Liebeskind, S. L'Hernault, C. Mervis, R. Pettigrew, L. Ragsdale, S. Sherman, and L. Smith.

Luther Smith, President of the Senate and Faculty Council, opened the meeting at 3:15 and asked members to introduce themselves. He then described the theme for the year "Emory: A Community in Mission."

Minutes of the April 12, 1994 meeting were approved with the addition of L. Ragsdale to the list of those attending the meeting.

President Chace was introduced and stated that he intends to come to as many meetings of the Council as his calendar will permit. He then talked about ways to promote occasions to bring the faculty together in discussions of matters that truly affect the course of Emory and the importance of vigorous faculty participation in the University. Dr. Chace announced that on November 17 at 4 p.m. (location TBA) there will be a town hall meeting for faculty with senior administrators on the fiscal state of the University. Mr. Temple will present Emory's current fiscal picture and projections for the future, and Dr. Frye will preside over discussion with the faculty about the implications the fiscal picture has for the academic programs of Emory. There was a discussion with Dr. Chace about the goals of the town hall meeting and questions that might be addressed. Council members were asked to consult with colleagues and to come to the October Council meeting prepared to discuss issues that the town hall should address.

Dr. Frye described the University planning process of the last year, briefly reviewing the faculty survey, symposium and deans' retreat. Out of the activity came five issues of general concern which are addressed in a special issue of the Emory Report that will appear on September 26. This year the process will be directed to identifying concrete ways to address the issues that have been identified and the process will include another series of lunches with faculty that the members of the Council are asked to host. The process envisions subcommittees of the Council and the University Priorities Committee putting together a preliminary sense of what can be done to address each issue. There was a brief discussion about how the process would work this year.

Dr. Smith announced that Dr. Sheryl Goodman, past Chair of the University Senate and Faculty Council has agreed to chair the Committee on the Life Cycle of the Faculty that had been chaired by Don Fry of the law school. She anticipates soliciting views from the Faculty Council, among others, and doing most of the work of the Committee in the spring term.

Dr. Smith announced that Rich Freer of the law school has agreed to chair the Faculty Relations Committee. Other members of the Committee are Luke Johnson, Carolyn

Mervis, Clark Lemons, and Sue Jenks-Robinson. The Committee will undertake to establish procedures to be used by the Committee in the event that it has to serve as a hearing body.

H. King requested that persons having thoughts about the content of the next iteration of the Faculty Handbook please let her know.

There was a discussion about the creation of by-laws for the Faculty Council. The Faculty Relations Committee will be asked to assist in drafting by-laws while it looks at procedures to be used in the Committee. Some members expressed the opinion that any by-laws adopted should be general in nature and allow for appropriate flexibility.

There was a general discussion of establishing a special committee to look at the possible creation of a faculty club. After the overall University planning process has gone forward and there is a better understanding of the desire of the faculty for a club the issue will be revisited.

Frank Lechner will pursue the issue of inaugurating a faculty lecture series and report back to the Council.

The next meeting of the Council will be October 18.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.