

Minutes of the Emory Faculty Council

October 15, 1996

Chair Luke Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. on October 15.

Present: Larry Beard, W. Virgil Brown, Bill Chace, Terry Clark, William Cody, Paul Courtright, Marion Creekmore, Donna Falls, Doug Falls, Rich Freer, Bill Frye, Jim Hughes, Luke Johnson, Joyce Jones, Harriet King, Steven L'Hernault, Richard Letz, Linda Moneyham, David Pacini, Richard Rubinson, Win Sale, Randall Strahan, Nanette Wenger, and Dan Treadaway.

Excused: Susie Buchter

Dr. W. Virgil Brown was welcomed as a new representative from the Medical School.

The Minutes of the September 17 meeting were approved as distributed.

Announcements/Correspondence

1. Chair Luke Johnson announced the plans for the Town Hall on November 12, which is being sponsored jointly by the Faculty Council and the President's Office. It will be held on the third floor of Cox Hall beginning at 4:00 p.m. Research at Emory: Possibilities and Prospects is the topic for the town hall, which will feature a faculty panel representative of various disciplines and research projects throughout the University, and will encourage dialogue between attending faculty and President Chace.
2. The Executive Committee of the University Senate is working on a time- table to ensure a more leisurely pace during the April meeting. It is anticipated that the Council will attend to oversight committee reports at its April meeting. Therefore committee actions would need to be presented at the February meeting, and discussion and voting would take place at the March meeting.
3. Concern over the lack of communication between representatives to the Faculty Council and their constituency was introduced, and discussed. A line of reporting from the representatives to the Faculty Council back to their constituency is not in place, and the Council agreed that a mechanism to disseminate the minutes to the faculty as a whole could be helpful. The issue was referred to the Executive Committee of the Faculty Council for their discussion and recommendation.

Strategic Planning Document

Dr. Johnson introduced Provost Billy Frye who led the discussion of the Strategic Planning document. As a matter of introduction Dr. Frye gave a brief background of this document, and iterated his desire for an honest and constructive critique.

Comments and questions raised during the discussion ranged from the college community to internationalization. Reviews, mentors, incentives, information technology, research resources and the mission of the College of Arts and Sciences were also areas of concern.

As the discussion continued it became evident that more time was needed. The Council asked Dr. Frye to return and continue this discussion at their next meeting (November 19). Dr. Frye asked the Council to prepare for the next meeting by reviewing the strategic plan document with the following questions in mind.

1. Should the University bring in new people as faculty that buy into the concepts outlined in our goal statements, such as internationalization and interdisciplinarianism?
2. What do we want to build up: non-existent programs in the University, or current strong programs?
3. What rewards and incentives would encourage faculty participation in the strengthening of community and interdisciplinary courses and activities?

Amend Faculty Council Bylaws

The Faculty Council Bylaws were distributed along with a proposed amendment to *Article II: Membership*. The amendment was proposed to reflect the addition of the Chair of the University Research Committee and the Chair of the University Teaching Fund Committee as ex officio members. Following discussion and clarification, the Council approved amending Article II of the bylaws as follows:

"In accordance with the bylaws of the University and the University Senate, the membership of the University Faculty Council shall include the elected faculty members of the University Senate, and eight additional members appointed annually by the President of the University; and the Provost, the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, the Chair of the University Research Committee, and the Chair of the University Teaching Fund Committee as members ex officio. The President of the University Senate shall serve as chair of the Council."

Faculty Council Committee Update

It was announced that the University Research Committee is in the process of electing a chair, which will be announced.

The University Teaching Committee has elected a temporary chair to preside over completion of the committee roster. At its next meeting a permanent chair will be elected.

Faculty Council Committee Charters

Charges to the Faculty Council committees (the Carter Center Liaison Committee, the Distinguished Faculty Lectureship Committee, the University Teaching Fund Committee, and the University Research Committee) were drawn up and distributed to the Council. Minor corrections in wording were noted and made. The charges were accepted with the following changes.

Carter Center Liaison Committee; first paragraph; second sentence was changed to read: "The chair is the immediate past chair of the Council."

Carter Center Liaison Committee; third paragraph; last word was changed to read: "liaisons;"

Distinguished Faculty Lectureship Committee; first paragraph; second sentence was changed to read: "Its chair is the chair elect of the Council."

Distinguished Faculty Lectureship Committee; second paragraph; first sentence was changed to read: "The charge of the committee is to administer the distinguished faculty lecture series initiated and supported by the office of the President."

University Teaching Fund Committee; second paragraph; first sentence was changed to read: "The Committee's charge is to administer the Teaching Fund established by the Provost in cooperation with the Office of the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs."

Adjournment

The Council meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. to reconvene on November 19 at 3:15 p.m. in the Moore Room of Bishops Hall.