

Minutes of the Emory Faculty Council

21 October 1997
Room 400 Administration

In attendance: John Boli, Virgil Brown, William Chace, Rebecca Chopp, Terry Clark, William Cody, Ray DuVarney Douglas Falls, Gary Hauk, Luke Johnson, Judith Kapp, Laura Porter Kimble, Harriet King, Sharon Lewis, Jerre Lutz, Helen O'Shea, David Pacini, Sid perkowitz, Deepika Petraglia-Bahari, Gay Robins, Rick Rubinson, Winfield Sale, Randall Starhan, Mike Terrazas, Frank Vandall, Nanette Wenger, Betty Jones.

Excused absences: Keith Wilkinson

I. Welcome and Announcements

Faculty Council Chair Bill Cody called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. After extending a welcome to council members, Council Chair Cody announced an all-university faculty meeting to be held Tuesday, 11 November, in the Banquet Room of Cox Hall. The focus of the meeting will be the Report from the Commission on Teaching. Bill Cody also announced a Town Hall meeting to be held at the Carter Center on Friday, 14 November, at which both President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter will speak, together with university President William M. Chace. The topic will be the relationship between the Carter Center and the university.

II. Chaplains' Reports to the Board of Trustees

University Chaplain Susan Henry-Crowe and Oxford College Chaplain Sammy Clark reported to the Faculty Council the process they have followed in preparing recommendations to the Board of Trustees for the use of university religious facilities.

III. "Teaching at Emory"

Interim Provost Rebecca Chopp introduced the Report of the Teaching Commission with the observation that it is one part of a larger context of initiatives within the university to re-think its own narrative. This report, together with Choices and Responsibilities and the Campus Master Plan have as their common aim refocusing the ways in which we think and live together in an environment of learning. Interim Provost Chopp outlined the seven narrative principles that guide the report, and reviewed some of the recommendations that grew out of the study. She emphasized the need for conversation about the issues that the report addresses, and announced that, together with the all-university faculty meeting, each of the deans has agreed to discuss the report with their faculties. Discussion groups, including faculty from across the university, will also meet throughout the year with members of the Teaching Commission in order to generate refinements and revisions to the study.

IV. Presentation and approval of minutes of April and September Council Meetings

Faculty council Chair Bill Cody presented the minutes of the April and September meeting of the Council. The Council approved both sets of minutes.

V. Approval of Committee Rosters

Faculty Council Chair Bill Cody presented the rosters of three standing Faculty Council Committees--University Research Committee, University Teaching Fund Committee, and Faculty Relationship Committee--for approval by the council. The Council approved the rosters of committee members.

VI. Other Business

Faculty Council members introduced the following items for discussion at future meetings: exploration of the issues of the Faculty Life-Cycle study; consideration of "stopping the tenure clock" in light of child-birth and child-rearing issues; following up on the concerns students have raised about access for the disabled; and clarifying jurisdictional issues in the proposals emerging from the Faculty Relationship Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

David S. Pacini,

Secretary