

## **Minutes of the Emory Faculty Council**

15 September 1998

Room 400 Administration

**In attendance:** Robin Blaetz, John Boli, Virgil Brown, Bill Cody, Rich Freer, Vicki Hertzberg, Jorge L. Juncos, Harriet King, Sharon Lewis, Jerre Lutz, Helen O'Shea, Sidney Perkowitz, Laura Porter Kimble Gay Robins, Randall Strahan, Mike Terrazas, Collin Weber, Keith Wilkinson

### **I. Welcome**

Faculty Council Chair Virgil Brown called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. and extended a welcome to all members of the council and its guests.

### **II. Approval of 14 April 1998 Minutes**

Council Chair Brown presented the minutes from the meeting of 14 April 1998. The Council approved these minutes without amendment.

### **III. Remarks from President Chace**

Faculty Council Chair Brown announced that University President Chace could not attend the Faculty Council meeting as planned due to an unexpected conflict in his schedule.

### **IV. Announcements**

Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Harriet King announced that the Board of Trustees adopted the resolution concerning the Faculty Hearing Committee. She also announced that the Provost's Office would soon distribute copies of the Statement of Principles Governing Faculty Relationships, otherwise known as the Gray Book. Regarding the Mediation Proposal, Senior Vice Provost King stated that the Dean's Council would review this document at an upcoming meeting and would make comments and suggestions as it deemed appropriate.

DeAnna Spurlin, Assistant to the Senate, announced that the Faculty Council Web Page had been updated and now contained information regarding adopted resolutions, standing committee activity, and other information pertinent to the function of the Faculty Council or otherwise relevant to faculty.

### **V. Discussion of the Intellectual Property Management Handbook**

Vice President for Research Dennis Liotta distributed revised copies of the Intellectual Property Management Handbook currently under development by the Office of Research. Vice President Liotta described the plan as attractive to faculty and as the most generous policy in the nation. Referring to Table 1 -

Distribution of Annual Net Revenue, Vice President Liotta explained that though the percentage of compensation to faculty declines as revenues rise, the dollar amount of compensation to faculty remains substantial. He pointed out that the plan does not at this time address faculty at the Veterans Administration Hospital or the CDC because of their connections with the government and stated that later revisions of this document would deal with these areas. At the conclusion of Vice President Liotta's presentation, discussion of the document ensued with faculty expressing concern over the policy in section B on the publication of books and articles. Members of the Council pointed out that because publications play a vital role in faculty development, faculty might view such a policy as an impediment. To prevent the development of such a perception, the Council suggested stipulating within the document the types of publications that should be reported. Vice President Liotta assured the Council that the Office of Research would attempt to add a statement which would direct the deans of each unit to provide a list of works which would fall under this policy and a list of those which would not. The discussion ended with Vice President Liotta encouraging Council members to send any additional comments and suggestions to him.

## **VI. Other Business**

Because of scheduling conflicts, Council Chair Brown gave the floor to Dr. John Sitter, a guest of the Faculty Council, and allowed him to make his presentation before the Council heard reports from its standing committees. Dr. Sitter presented a summary of events surrounding the Emory Village issue and the purchase of the Kroger property by CVS. He pointed out that this issue represents an important community relations issue and presents Emory with an opportunity to have a positive impact on the neighborhood. President Brown suggested, and the Faculty Council agreed, that this issue should be brought before the University Senate as it holds import for the University as a whole, not faculty alone.

## **VII. Committee Plans and Approval of Committee Rosters**

Each standing committee of the Faculty Council presented its roster for approval and submitted plans for the upcoming year. The Council approved all rosters as presented.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Council Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
David S. Pacini, Secretary