

Minutes of the Emory Faculty Council

Faculty Council
17 November 1998
Room 400, Administration Building

In attendance: Robin Blaetz, John Boli, William Chace, William Cody, Vicki Hertzberg, Jorge L. Juncos, Judith Kapp, Laura Porter Kimble, Harriet King, Sharon Lewis, Jerre Lutz, Helen O'Shea, David Pacini, Sidney Perkowitz, Deepika Petraglia-Bahari, Gay Robins, Winfield Sale, Randall Strahan, Mike Terrazas, Collin Weber, Nanette Wenger

I. Welcome

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

II. Approval of 20 October 1998 Faculty Council Minutes

Council Chair Brown presented the minutes of the 20 October 1998 meeting to the Council for their approval. The Council approved the minutes unanimously.

III. Remarks from President Chace

In his remarks to the Council, President Chace discussed the current status of conversations regarding the departure of Kroger and the arrival of CVS in Emory Village. President Chace indicated he had encouraged conversation amongst community leaders, concerned students, and representatives from CVS to arrive at a resolution that would address pressing community needs. As the conversations were ongoing, President Chace expressed his desire to avoid specific comments on the conversations in order to safeguard their progress. He also announced the university plans to open an academic trade bookstore in Emory Village under the direction of Bruce Covey and Susan Lester. The DUC will continue to carry textbooks and school supplies while the Village bookstore (tentatively to be named The Druid Hills Bookstore) will specialize in academic publications. At the same time the university is working closely with the county and CVS to improve the intersection at the heart of Emory Village. Adam Gross, who led the Master Plan, is reviewing proposals for the intersection project.

Adam Gross will also serve in a consultative basis in the development of plans for Emory West. This will be integrated into the detailed set of guidelines for campus development that was the outcome of the Campus Master Plan. Bob Hascall and Jennifer Fabrick, University Architect, have responsibility for overseeing the implementation of the Master Plan. Adam Gross will continue to provide occasional consultative services.

The next scheduled development for the campus is extending the pedestrian thoroughfare from the DUC to Clifton. Thereafter, the plan calls for the extension of the pedestrian mall from Asbury to Fraternity Row.

Plans to develop a faculty club are not moving forward at this time, as the faculty has not been of one mind about what this facility ought to be. There has been some discussion of the Women's Club about the possibility of expanding Houston Mill House with Emory's help. But this has not been finalized. Miller Ward Alumni House adjacent to Scholars Press is the outgrowth of a clear and strong expression of alumni desire for such a facility.

President Chace also advised the Council that plans for the renovation of Candler Library are not as far as the University had hoped they might be, owing to difficulties in identifying resources to support this project. He expressed hope that funds might be found and the project undertaken in the next two years.

IV. Remarks from Provost Chopp

Provost Chopp announced the appointment of Allison Adams to head the Academic Exchange, which will be one forum for faculty conversation in the university. Provost Chopp posed that a future meeting of the faculty session devote some portion of its time to brainstorming on the issue of intellectual conversation.

V. Remarks from Senior Vice Provost Harriet King

Senior Vice Provost King announced that explorations for office facilities for emeritus faculty were underway. The questionnaire was currently making its way through senior faculty ranks.

VI. Report from the Consensual Relations Committee

Professor Laura Porter Kimble, Chair of the subcommittee on Consensual Relations presented to the Faculty Council a policy that the Council of Deans had developed and which the subcommittee had discussed before bringing it to the Council for its advice. (See Attached). Extensive conversation ensued regarding whether the role of such a statement was to serve as standards of professional conduct or as a sort of moral guideline. The Council acknowledged they were not of one mind on this issue but affirmed in principle the guidelines that the subcommittee brought for their review.

Provost Chopp agreed to communicate the sentiment of the Faculty Council to the Council of Deans for the ongoing deliberations on this matter.

VII. Adjourn

There being no other business, Faculty Council Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, David S. Pacini, Secretary Faculty Council