

**Minutes of Emory University Faculty Council
October 23, 2001
400 Administration Building**

In attendance:

Juan del Aguila, Timothy Albrecht, Ken Anderson, Huiman Barnhart, William J. Casarella, William Chace, Howard Hunter, Harriet King, Bruce Knauft, Luigi Marzilli, Shehzad Mian, Joyce Murray, Malinda Owensby, Leslie Real, Michael Rogers, Robert Schapiro, John Snarey, Claire Sterk, Donna Troka, Frank Vandall, Sharon Weiss, Lynna Williams

Excused:

William Branch, Marion Dearing, Richard Doner, Ari Eisen, Jim Grimsley, Charles Moran, Huggy Rao, Carlos del Rio, Charles Shanor, Josiah Wilcox

Absent:

Susan Frost, Jan Gleason, James Hughes, Michael Terrazas

Guest:

Kim Loudermilk

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Faculty Council President Frank Vandall called the meeting to order at 3:17pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes from the April 2001 meeting because it was simply a “changing of office” meeting. The September 2001 Faculty Council meeting was cancelled due to the September 11th disaster.

III. Remarks from Interim Provost Woody Hunter

Provost Woody Hunter and Senior Vice Provost Charlotte Johnson passed out a handout about the budget projections from fiscal 98- fiscal 02. He explained that there were three “healthy” changes. First there has been a decrease in the budget driven by tuition and fees. Second, there has been an increase in income from endowments and third, indirect cost recoveries have risen. The budget for Hospitals & Clinics has decreased somewhat as has the Gifts & Grants Income.

Provost Hunter suggested that some places to look for growth are: an increase in annual support from alumni and friends in support of the general and educational budget and additional sources of indirect cost recovery for externally supported research, specifically recovery of indirect costs from foundations and non-governmental sources of support. In addition, there may need to be reallocation of existing funds in order to meet the priorities of the University. We know that growth of support from existing endowment will be, at best flat. Further, we expect that constraints on growing tuition revenue will keep those increases at or below the level of inflation.*

Provost Hunter also discussed the Capital Match Program, that is, how it is structured and what projects it funds. Lastly, Provost Hunter suggested we remain cognizant of the enormous financial pressure felt by the hospitals, clinics and health centers.

On other topics, Provost Hunter informed the council that an official search for a new director of the Carlos Museum has begun and should be complete within 12-14 weeks. He also informed the council that organizing has begun for strategic planning for Arts & Sciences.

IV. Proposal of Three Special Committees- Frank Vandall

Frank Vandall suggested three Ad Hoc, (not standing) committees, which would each be comprised of two to three members. These committees would anticipate problems instead of reacting to them.

Tenure Committee- would address the issue of whether or not tenure is fungible. Its function would be to draft a position paper on tenure from a faculty perspective.

Budget Advisory Committee- would work as a liaison between the Faculty Council and those in the Provosts office who work on the budget. Its goal would be to make clear the implications for academic policy from the budget.

Academic Direction Committee- would keep track of matters on the academic side.

After much discussion it was decided that both the Tenure Committee and Budget Advisory Committee should proceed (both were accepted by all). After several comments from council members, Frank Vandall decided to re-evaluate the Academic Direction Committee, perhaps at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering for the Tenure Committee or the Budget Advisory Committee should email Frank Vandall at fvandall@law.emory.edu or call him at 727-6510.

V. Intellectual Property Policy- Senior Vice Provost Harriet King

Vice Provost King informed the Faculty Council that a new draft of the Intellectual Property Policy is on the web at:

http://www.emory.edu/PROVOST/policy_bylaws/draft_ippolicy_newer.htm

She asked that everyone look at it and then email your comments or questions to her at: provhmk@emory.edu

VII. Comments from President Chace

President Chace informed the Council that Woody Hunter will serve another year as Interim Provost so as to provide continuity and stability over the next year. He also discussed the contingency plans that are being developed and in effect in cases of emergencies. He further explained that Emory is working with the CDC, EPD, as well as DeKalb County.

VIII. Approval of Committee Rosters and Plans

Frank Vandall suggested we hold off on the reporting on committee rosters and plans until next months meeting because of time constraints.

VIV. Hearing no other business, Faculty Council President Vandall adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Troka
Faculty Council

* Thanks to Harriet King for her assistance with this paragraph.

