

Minutes of Emory University Faculty Council
April 20, 2004
400 Administration Building

In attendance: William Branch, JoAnn Dalton, Arri Eisen, Thomas Frank, Maggie Gilead, Jim Grimsley, David Holtgrave, Harriet King, Richard Metters, Judy Raggi Moore, James Morey, David Pacini, Michael Rogers, Robin Mills Schreiber, John Snarey, Jennifer Stocking, Vaidy Sunderam, Michael Terrazas, Nancy Thompson, James Wagner, Richard Ward

Excused: Raymond Dingleline, Carla Freeman, Thomas C. Pearson, Charles Shanor, David S. Stephens, Sharon Strocchia, Nanette Wenger

Absent: Roberta Bondi, Richard Doner, Jan Gleason, James Hughes, Charles Nemeroff, Albert Padwa, L.G. Thomas, James R. Zaidan

Guests: Charlotte Johnson, Randy Strahan

I. Call to Order

Faculty Council President John Snarey called the meeting to order at 3:24 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from March 23, 2004 were approved.

III. Overview of approved budget – Charlotte Johnson

Charlotte Johnson presented the approved budget for the 2004-05 fiscal year. Total expenses are projected at \$2.26 billion, with \$1.066 billion for University expenses and \$1.180 billion for Emory Healthcare expenses. She pointed out that almost 60% of the University's \$549 million Unrestricted Operating Budget (UOB) goes to salaries and benefits, while 11.3% goes to financial aid and 17% for general operating expenses. Johnson went on to discuss in more depth the UOB and its operating revenues and support, which will see an increase in all categories except endowment, trust, and investment income. Tuition rates changes and tuition market comparisons were also touched on, as well as financial FTEs. University operating expenses and transfers were the next and final topics discussed by Johnson; she highlighted the usual expenses such as salaries and benefits, but also included entities such as the donor records system and library acquisitions inflation as expenses that the budget will need to cover in the upcoming fiscal year.

A handout was distributed, "Emory University Budget Presentation Fiscal Year 2004-05".

IV. Annual reports from standing committees

Bill Branch reported on the Carter Center Liaison Committee:

Dr. Branch and Frank Vandal, previous Past President of the University Senate, attended quarterly meetings of the Carter Center Board of Advisors. Dr. Branch has also extended an invitation, via John Hardman, to President Carter to address the Faculty Council or University Senate.

John Snarey reported for Sharon Strocchia on the Distinguished Faculty Lecture Committee:

13 nominations were received for the 2005 DFL, and from those nominees Frank Alexander, Professor of Law, was selected. The committee recommended that the date of the DFL be moved to the end of January or beginning of February, instead of the end of March. The committee also wants to solicit more women and minority faculty nominees, and find more and better ways to publicize the event.

Randy Strahan reported for Nanette Wenger on the Faculty Life Course Committee:

The committee worked extensively with Dr. Eugene Bianchi and the Emeritus College, for which Faculty Life Course is the supervising committee. The Emeritus College conducted seminars, lectures, and other activities. The committee also developed, with the help of Daniel Teodorescu of Institutional Planning and Research, a survey to gauge the experiences of new faculty and obtain suggestions from them on how to improve their orientation to the University.

David Pacini reported on the University Research Committee:

Two structural changes occurred this year. The committee, headed by Dr. Pacini, created an executive committee made up of the chairs of each subcommittee, and implemented a juried response for submissions as well. In the fall, the URC had 47 applications for funding, and 19 were awarded some \$498,000. This spring's applications are still in the process of being reviewed, so statistics are not available for them.

Arri Eisen reported on the University Teaching Fund Committee:

The committee received 30 proposals this year, from 5 schools, Oxford College, and 18 different departments and programs, for a total of \$400,000. 19 proposals were funded for a total of \$171,680. The committee is also taking steps to consider combining the resources of UACT (University Advisory Council on Teaching) and UTF, in order to seed new efforts in faculty and teaching developments.

Mike Rogers reported for Sharon Strocchia on the Ad Hoc Committee on Communications:

The committee set up a BlackBoard site, accessible to Faculty Council and the Committee on the Future of the University (including Faculty Counselors to the BOT), to facilitate communication between and among faculty and Faculty Council members. The committee also recommended that the Faculty Council establish an ad hoc EmoryLink committee soon as possible to work with John Ellis, Director of Academic Technologies and project manager of the EmoryLink initiative.

Bill Branch reported on the Ad Hoc Committee on the Future of the University (BOT Counselors):

The committee named its counselors to the Board of Trustees, and the counselors began attending BOT meetings and reporting back to the committee. Fringe benefits, confidentiality issues with regards to BOT meetings, and the Provost search were issues the committee worked through this year. Formalizing the committee's procedures, becoming a standing committee of the Faculty Council, and defining a formal process for selecting committee members and counselors are issues next year's chair, John Snarey, intends to address.

Faculty Council chairperson John Snarey noted that the Faculty Hearing Committee received no requests from the faculty for hearings during this academic year, and no matters were presented for the Committee's consideration.

V. New Business

There was no new business.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:11pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Stocking
Faculty Council

