

**Minutes of Emory University Faculty Council
November 18, 2003
400 Administration Building**

In attendance:

William Branch, JoAnn Dalton, Richard Doner, Thomas Frank, Maggie Gilead, Jan Gleason, Jim Grimsley, David Holtgrave, James Hughes, Michael Mandl, Richard Metters, James Morey, Michael Rogers, Robin Schreiber, John Snarey, Jennifer Stocking, Sharon Strocchia, Daniel Teodorescu, Michael Terrazas, Nancy Thompson, Donna Troka, James Wagner, Richard Ward

Excused:

Arri Eisen, Carla Freeman, Harriet King, Judy Raggi Moore, Vaidy Sunderam,

Absent:

Roberta Bondi, Raymond Dingleline, Charles Nemeroff, Albert Padwa, Thomas C. Pearson, Charles Shanor, David S. Stephens, L.G. Thomas, Nanette Wenger, James Zaidan

Guests: Peggy Barlett, Charlotte Johnson, Michael Mandl, Sheila Tefft, John Wegner

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Faculty Council President John Snarey called the meeting to order at 3:18 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from October 21, 2003 were approved.

III. Environmental Mission Statement, Environmental Issues

Dr. Peggy Barlett discussed the environmental mission statement, its history, and how it is being implemented presently with the establishment of the campus environmental office, headed by John Wegner. Wegner identified 4 issues that the office is dealing with: a strategy for sustainability on campus; a comprehensive management plan for Lullwater; revisiting the Campus Master Plan; and taking a closer look at the energy plan to develop a strategy for energy use and energy conservation. After Wegner's presentation, Sheila Tefft talked about transportation challenges related to Emory's environmental issues, specifically how to augment and support alternative transportation and how to facilitate discussion of mass transit in the Emory University area by sponsoring meetings with the Druid Hills Civic Association and Atlanta City Council. Finally, Dr. Barlett talked about the kinds of issues that the ad hoc committee will be dealing with in the near future, such as environmental councils, the institutionalization of environmental issues, and decentralized organization.

Q & A followed for Barlett, Wegner, and Tefft.

A handout was distributed.

IV. Preliminary Budget Forecast

Charlotte Johnson presented the preliminary budget for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. She talked about the current budget, the financial model assumptions for 2004-2005, and faculty and staff salary issues. Much of the discussion focused on the performance of Emory's endowments and how they affect the budget, particularly with the phenomenon of "underwater endowments", which results in some schools being more affected than others by budget constraints. Michael Mandl added that although Emory is showing deficits, it will be able to work through them. He stated he will attend a future Faculty Council meeting to explain the endowment situation more thoroughly.

Q & A followed.

A booklet was distributed ("Office of the Provost Preliminary Financial Models November 18, 2003").

V. Remarks from President Wagner

President Wagner talked about the vision statement, which is ready to be rolled out. The strategic plan will be forthcoming, and, following that, the comprehensive financial campaign will begin. He said the search committee for the new Provost will be conducting its first round of candidate interviews in December. President Wagner invited everyone to attend the open-mic town hall meeting on November 24 to discuss the racial incident.

VI. New Business

Sharon Strocchia announced that the Distinguished Faculty Lecture nominees deadline is December 1.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Stocking
Faculty Council