

Minutes of the Emory University Senate

November 23, 1993 - 3:15 PM
Room 400 Administration Building

Members and guests recorded as present:

Steven Batterson, Mike Berry, Paula Cattanach, Louis DeFelice, Catherine DeVries, William Dilligham, Jan Gleason, Chuck Gordon, Gary Hauk, Elizabeth Hornor, Myron Kaufman, Frank Lechner, Clark Lemons, Richard Letz, Mary Anne Lindskog, Jack Millgard, Judy R. Moore, Marie Nitschke, J T Paulk, Alisa Porter, Karen Salisbury, Robert Schlant, Luther Smith, Dan Treadaway, James R. Zaidan

Frank Lechner, President of the University Senate, called the meeting to order. The minutes of the October meeting, distributed earlier, were approved.

Dr. Lechner then called upon Karen Salisbury, Director of University Conferences and Coordinator for the Olympics, to report to the Senate about some of the preparations being made on campus for Emory's involvement in the 1996 Olympics. Emory has agreed to house the international media and they will begin arriving at Emory on July 6, 1996. They will be using some of the residence halls, dining facilities, and computer connections. While the University does not plan to make money from this venture, they do not want to lose money either.

In addition to the contractual arrangements being negotiated with the Olympic Committee by the University administration, students have organized a group called Emory '96 to seek activities for student volunteers.

Chuck Gordon, Athletics and Recreation Director, discussed how Emory's athletic facilities will be used for practice and training by the Olympic athletes. This will mean that for three to four weeks in the summer of 1996 the Emory community will have to use other sports facilities. Senate members expressed concern about this and asked that alternative arrangements for the Emory community during that time be investigated.

Elizabeth Hornor, Coordinator of Education Programs in the Carlos Museum, spoke about some of the Museum's programs planned for the Cultural Olympiad, including the current exhibit, "Human Body, Human Spirit," and the Henry Moore sculptures that will be displayed on the Quadrangle when the Games begin. She also mentioned that the Museum was seeking funds for developing an interactive media program to show the ancient and modern Olympics together.

Robert Schlant, Senate representative from the Department of Medicine at Grady, suggested that the current interest in the Olympics provided Emory with an opportunity for offering some world class symposia on various academic

aspects of the Olympics. Karen Salisbury noted that Billy Frye, Acting University President, and Harvey Klehr, Chair of the Political Science Department, serve on the Olympics Committee, and that they would like to hear from faculty with specific proposals for programs along the lines suggested by Dr. Schlant.

As part of the Senate's on-going discussions about Emory's intellectual environment, the second half of the meeting focused on campus publications. J.T. Paulk, Assistant Editor of the Emory Wheel, mentioned that in January, the Wheel will be seventy-five years old and they will begin a year-long celebration with several special issues devoted to Wheel coverage from the past. He discussed current practices on news coverage, advertisements, and editorials. He expressed regret that the staff did not have good representation from minorities or graduate students. While the Wheel never turns away anyone who wants to work, the pressures of getting the paper out leave the student staff with little time for an active recruitment program. African-American students have just received funding for their own campus paper, *The Fire This Time*.

Jan Gleason, Director of the News and Information Office at Emory, spoke about coverage of the Emory Report. Recently the Emory Report has changed its format to a style more like that of USA Today. Their aim is to provide a source that will keep the Emory community informed about campus news accurately, in a timely manner, and in a style that can be quickly read. They are looking at other ways of providing some of the more detailed coverage of the past (such as a listing of all grants received), perhaps through electronic resources such as the Emory Gopher.

Under new business, Dr. Lechner recounted for the Senate conversations he had had with Student Government President Mike Berry about the need for a campus gathering place where student and faculty discussions could take place in an informal coffee house type setting. The Campus Life Committee, chaired by Judy Moore in the French and Italian Department, was charged with investigating this issue and reporting back to the Senate by its April meeting.

There was no further business, and the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.