

Minutes of the Emory University Senate

September 7, 1993 - 3:15 PM
Carlos Museum, Third Floor

Members and guests recorded as present:

Maxwell Anderson, Steven Batterson, Mike Berry, Todd Borow, Penny Castellano, Paula Cattanach, Louise Cook, Gray Crouse, Alice Davis, William Dillingham, Billy Frye, Gary Hauk, Sue Jinks-Robertson

Steven Kapp, Myron Kaufman, Harriet King, Melanie Kingston, Frank Lechner Clark Lemons, Richard Letz, Lanny Liebeskind, Mary Anne Lindskog, Sondralyn McCard, Michael McQuaide, Ralph Meachum, Jack Millgard

Judy R. Moore, Emilia Navarro, Ulric Neisser, Marie Nitschke, Helen O'Shea, Alisa Porter, Luther Smith, Sidney Stein, Margaret Stephens, Robert Strickland Dan Treadaway, James R. Zaidan

Frank Lechner, President of the University Senate, called the meeting to order. He then recognized Maxwell Anderson, Director of the Carlos Museum, who welcomed members of the Senate to the new Museum quarters. Dr. Anderson mentioned some of the lunchtime and late afternoon Museum programs planned for the coming year, and he expressed his hope that these would bring the Museum and the Emory community closer together and make the Museum a more integral part of campus life.

For members new to the Senate this fall, Dr. Lechner described the Senate's purpose as an advisory body to the President and the Board of Trustees, and as a forum for discussion of issues of concern to the whole University community. The theme for many of these discussions in the coming year will revolve around the quality of the intellectual life of the University.

Billy Frye, Acting President of the University, spoke next about how the University administration will respond during the coming transitional year. Major programs already underway, such as the capital campaign, will continue, but there will be no new initiatives. It will be a time, however, for seeking fuller participation from all segments of the university community in determining Emory's mission and purpose and in discussing how the University will cope with the economic, demographic, and public credibility challenges it will face under the new administration.

Minutes from the April 20, 1992 meeting, distributed earlier, were approved.

Five faculty members were elected to serve on the Faculty Relations Committee for the coming year. These are Ulric Neisser, Alice Davis, Al Hartgraves, Sue

Jinks-Robertson, and Timothy Terrell. All other elected faculty members of the Senate were elected to serve as alternates, providing a pool from which additional faculty members could be drawn should a conflict of interest arise.

Ralph Meachum and Margaret Stephens were elected to the Senate Executive Committee, completing the membership of that group. Other members are the Senate President Frank Lechner, the immediate Past-President Myron Kaufman, the President-Elect Luther Smith, the Student Government Association President Mike Berry, and the Secretary Marie Nitschke.

Robert Strickland, Chair of the University Board of Trustees, spoke to the Senate about the search process underway to select a new University President. A fifteen member search committee has been appointed and a consultant has been hired to assist with the search. Gary Hauk, Secretary of the University, will be the campus contact regarding the search. The Committee welcomes suggestions about both potential candidates and desirable qualifications.

Michael McQuaide, Chair of the Honorary Degrees Committee, requested that the Senate consider an additional candidate for an honorary degree at the May 1994 commencement. The Senate agreed to consider another honoree, and then voted to pass this candidate's name on to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Other Committee Chairs were then called upon to report on their committee's plans for the coming year.

- Harvey Ragsdale, Chair of the Environmental Policy Committee, was unable to attend the Senate meeting but sent work, through Dr. Lechner, that a major focus of his committee would be the University's forest conservation policy.
- Sidney Stein, Chair of the Fringe Benefits Committee, reported that enhancements to Emory's disability coverage have been approved and will take effect in January. Notices about these improvements will be delivered from Human Resources to all Emory employees soon. In the coming year, his committee will look at short-term disability coverage. It will continue to deal with questions raised about the courtesy scholarship program. The EmoryCare Oversight Committee, a subcommittee of this group, will also be very active in the next year.
- Steven Batterson, Chair of the Athletic Policy Committee, reported that his committee will examine some of the tensions between athletic travel and academic priorities this year. They will also consider questions raised about the appropriate use of Emory's athletic facilities by outside groups.
- Judy Moore, Chair of the Campus Life Committee, noted that her committee would be especially concerned with two themes in the coming year: first, the lack of school spirit and what can be done to highlight unifying elements to deal with this, and second, what can be done to promote academic excellence as a significant force in campus life.

- Helen O'Shea, Chair of the Campus Development Committee, described her committee's concern with all aspects of the development of the campus from its trees, parking, and lighting to its new building projects and the accessibility of all its facilities. This year, her committee plans to take another look at the campus master plan.
- Gray Crouse, Chair of the Library Policy Committee, outlined several issues that his committee would focus on this year including budget questions, experimental projects, new building plans, and problems of access and copyright.
- Penny Castellano, out-going Chair of the Safety and Security Committee, noted that her committee will be concerned with safety and security on campus, and also with the more difficult issue of the safety of students, faculty and staff working at sites away from the University.
- Jack Millgard, Chair of the Traffic and Parking Committee, reported that his committee will be monitoring the new hang-tags which are replacing the bumper-stickers this year. They will also be working on the plans for three more parking decks which have just been approved.

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