

**Minutes of the Emory University Senate
February 28, 1995 - 3:15 PM
Room 400 Administration Building**

Members and guests recorded as present:

Steven Batterson	Ron Frank	Michael McQuaide
Larry Beard	Rich D. Freer	Marc Miller
Dan Budnitz	Joan Gotwals	Jack Millgard
John Bugge	Barbara Greene-Plauth	Judy Raggi Moore
Carol Burns	Gary Hauk	Marie Nitschke
Penny Castellano	Leonard Hinds	Kay Pendleton
Paula Cattanach	Maureen Kelley	Harvey Ragsdale
William Chace	Kara Knowles	Raghu R. Raju
Terry Clark	Steven Kraftchick	Ann Rouse
Anne Claxton	Frank Lechner	Robert C. Schlant
Teresa Coulston	Clark Lemons	Stephanie Sherman
Gray Crouse	Richard Letz	Luther Smith
Kimberly Detherage	Lanny Liebeskind	Dan Treadaway
Amy Erbil	Kate McPherson	W. Dean Wilcox

The minutes of the January meeting, distributed earlier, were approved.

Luther Smith, President of the Senate, noted for the record that five members had called to explain their absence from the February meeting (Louise Cook, Luke Johnson, Linda Moneyham, Roderic Pettigrew, and Richard Stroder). He welcomed Dan Budnitz, the new student member from the Medical School.

Dr. Smith announced that funds had been approved for a half-time Senate/Faculty Council secretary and for other types of support for Senate committee work. He expressed appreciation to the committee chairs for their recommendations, and to President Chace for making these recommendations a reality.

Judy Raggi Moore, Chair of the Campus Life Committee, reported to the Senate about the enthusiastic response to the Campus Life Forum on student financial aid which was held in January. The Forum gave students an opportunity to express some of their concerns to key personnel from the Office of Financial Aid.

The mission statement from the Athletic Policy Committee, distributed prior to the meeting, was approved. Steve Batterson, Chair of the committee, called attention to the fact that the mission statement gave the committee a new name which more accurately reflects the committee's mission. The new name for the committee is the Athletics and Recreation Policy Committee. The mission statement of the Honorary Degrees Committee, also circulated before the meeting, was approved with minor changes. ("Secretary to the University" was changed to "Secretary of the University." "Alumni Director" was changed to "Director of the Association of Emory Alumni.") University President William Chace noted that Emory seeks

to honor individuals who, as intellectual leaders or benefactors, make contributions that move thought forward. Discussion focused on what type of Emory connection was appropriate for honorary degree recipients.

Gray Crouse, Chair of the Library Policy Committee, reported that his committee had met with the directors of the campus libraries to discuss the resolution on access submitted at the previous Senate meeting. A modified form of the earlier resolution, endorsed by all the library directors, was distributed to the members of the Senate before the meeting. Questions about the barriers to access indicated that budgetary matters were the primary concern. The resolution was approved, and in its final form states that:

Members of Emory University should have appropriate access for research and scholarly activities to the information resources offered by all Emory Libraries. To that end, the University Administration, Academic Deans, and Librarians should seek to remove budgetary barriers to access and support.

Michael McQuaide, Chair of the Honorary Degrees Committee, submitted a slate of candidates to receive honorary degrees in 1996. He also submitted one nomination to be added to the slate already approved for the 1995 commencement ceremony. By unanimous consent, the Senate voted to consider that name at this meeting, and the candidate was also approved by a unanimous vote.

Kimberly Detherage, student representative from the Theology School, asked about the composition of the pool of individuals considered for honorary degrees. Senate members suggested ways to make the pool more diverse including: revise the letter seeking nominations to encourage the nomination of women and minorities, actively seek names of women and minorities in areas where the pool is not sufficiently diverse, Senate members take more responsibility to make nominations. Dr. McQuaide said that his committee would welcome suggestions from Senate members.

Biographical information about the slate of candidates for honorary degrees is available in the Secretary of the University's office, and Senate members were invited to go by and take a look at these files before the March meeting.

A proposed change to the Senate Bylaws dealing with the way that a conflict between the President of the University and the Senate could be resolved was approved. The proposed change to Article III, Section 4, states that:

As provided in the Bylaws of the University, the recommendations of the Senate shall, with the concurrence of the President, be deemed final unless and until the Board of Trustees or its Executive Committee shall take final action. In case of failure of the President to concur in any recommendation of the Senate, the issue may be referred by a two-thirds vote of the Senate to an appropriate committee of the Board of Trustees. The Senate itself shall designate a member or members to represent it in case of such referral.

The change will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for approval.

A second change to the Senate Bylaws proposed increasing staff representation on the Senate from three to nine members. Kay Pendelton, President-Elect of the Employee Council, said that many matters coming before the Senate affect staff. Noting that the staff of more than 7,000 was a very diverse group, and that it was difficult for three people to represent adequately such a diverse population, she encouraged Senate members to vote for the change.

Dr. Smith called attention to the fact that faculty representation on the Senate would still remain high. In addition to the seventeen elected faculty representatives, nine of the ten Senate committees are chaired by faculty, and these ex-officio members may vote.

There was some discussion about the desirability of keeping the Senate membership small. Harvey Ragsdale, Chair of the Committee on the Environment, suggested the proposal increasing staff representation be adopted, but also recommended that the Senate Executive Committee look at the composition of the Senate and see if there might be ways of reducing the number of members while still allowing for adequate representation.

Gary Hauk, Secretary of the University, suggested that the current Employee Council representatives (President, Past-President, President-elect) be made ex-officio members. The six new staff members would then fit more appropriately in category C as elected members representing various constituencies of staff.

Because the hour was late, Frank Lechner, immediate Past-President of the Senate, proposed tabling the resolution until the March meeting, when other issues involved might be discussed. The motion to table passed by a vote of thirteen to ten.

Dr. Smith announced that there were three candidates for President of the Senate: Rich Freer (Law School), Barbara Greene-Plauth (Medical School), and Luke Johnson (Theology School). He invited others who were interested in running or nominating someone to contact him before the March meeting when elections will be held.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.