

Minutes of the Emory University Senate

27 January 1998

Agnor Room, Gambrell Hall

In attendance: Ryan Berk, John Boli, Virgil Brown, Martine Brownley, Susie Buchter, Terry Clark, William Cody, Raymond DuVarney, Ron Foust, Steven Frank, Johnathan Freimann, Gary Hauk, Marsha Hendricks, Linda Huddleston, Luke Johnson, Joyce Jones, Judith Kapp, Laura Porter Kimble, Kevin LaGree, Adrienne Leder, Sharon Lewis, Jerre Lutz, Elizabeth McBride, Erik Oliver, Helen O'Shea, David Pacini, Christa Purnell, Gay Robins, Karen Salisbury, Bill Size, Michael Skolnick, Claire Sterk, Jo Taylor, Mike Terrazas, Robin Thomas, Nancy Wilkinson

Excused absences: Bafana Moyo, Karen Stolley

Guests: Frances Curtiss, Chair, Campus Disability

I. Welcome and Announcements

University Senate President William Cody called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. and after extending a welcome to all gathered members and guests, introduced DeAnna Spurlin of the Provost's Office, who will assume administrative and support responsibilities for the University Senate and the Faculty Council. He then announced the upcoming student leadership Magnolia Conference at Emory in early February, and commended the leadership of the Student Government Association for their efforts in this endeavor. Jonathan Freimann, President of the Student Government Association noted that 50 or more students from around the country will be attending the conference.

II. Presentation and Approval of the Minutes

University Senate President Cody presented the minutes of the 25 November 1997 meeting of the University Senate for approval. After offering emendations to the text (See Attachment #1), the Senate approved the minutes.

III. Comments on the Present and Future of Emory College

The Dean of Emory College, Steven Sanderson, shared with the Senate his reflections on a college, Emory, that is very good and that wants to be better. He affirmed the college's mission of nurturing traditions of excellence in teaching and

research, but recognized that various influences have altered the sense of what a liberal arts education is. Among these, Dean Sanderson cited two that have been fundamental. One is an internal mandate that has focused upon internationalization; the other is an external mandate that focuses upon area-based knowledge. To address these mandates, the college will, in Dean Sanderson's view, undergo a transformation as it seeks to diversify further its faculty and to amplify its physical facilities while simultaneously re-examining its intellectual environment, its principles of government, and its processes of decision-making.

IV. Proposed Resolution from Campus Development Committee

The Campus Development Committee brought to the Senate a resolution concerning accessibility concepts for the Campus Master Plan. (See Attachment #2). The Senate adopted the resolution.

V. Report on the Faculty Council Ad Hoc Committee on Disabilities and Learning

David Pacini reported that an ad hoc committee of the Faculty Council has been established to review issues of disabilities and learning. Committee members include John Banja, Gordon Newby, Karen Stolley, and David Pacini, Chair. The Committee plans to bring its proposals to the Faculty Council at its February meeting. Discussions currently focus on the following:

1. the development of protocols for referring students whose academic performance suggests the possibility of diagnostic assessment,
2. the systematic communication to all faculties of the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973,
3. the identification of a resource person (or persons) to assist in the development of appropriate individualized learning plans for students and faculty.

VI. Report from President Chace

President Chace announced the Dalai Lama would speak at Emory's commencement ceremonies this spring. He then informed the Senate of the appointment of Dr. Thomas Robertson as Dean of the Business School and noted that Dr. Robertson will assume his duties as Dean in the summer of 1998. President Chace also announced the receipt of a bequest from the estate of Roberto Goizueta for the endowment of the Business School in the amount of 20 million dollars.

VII. New Business

The Campus Life Committee announced a planning forum for student-faculty interaction to be held 12 February in the Winship Ballroom.

Senate President Cody adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Pacini, Secretary

Attachment #1 (Section VII. from 25 November 1997 minutes)

VII. Status Reports on the SGA Resolution on Students with Disabilities

Reports from the Committee on Traffic and Parking and the Committee on Campus Development outlined responses in which the University is currently engaged to address the concerns of the SGA Resolution on Students with Disabilities. President Chace noted that the magnitude of the issues had exceeded anticipated personnel requirements, but that the University would work diligently with all concerned persons to establish clear definitions of the issues and a workable set of priorities within which to address them. Extensive discussion ensued.

Attachment #2 Resolution from the Campus Development Committee

"On October 16, 1997, the Campus Development Committee passed a resolution concerning accessibility concepts for the University Master Plan that was brought forth by Frances Curtiss who chairs the Disability Access Subcommittee:

Accessibility Concepts for Emory University Campus Master Plan and Specific Recommendations for Future Design and Construction Implementation.

It is recommended that the following concepts be integrated into the Emory University Campus Master Plan to make buildings and facilities fully accessible to and usable by persons with permanent or temporary disabilities.

I. Future development shall take into account information obtained through input from the Office of Equal Opportunity Programs, Disability Services and Compliance (EOP/DSC), and the Campus Disability Access Subcommittee (CDAC) of the Campus Development Committee regarding the most current applicable laws, accessibility standards, and guidelines.

II. Within the legal requirement, all Campus systems shall be integrated to provide an accessible route, both internal and external, connecting all new,

existing, renovated, and altered accessible elements and spaces, including during the construction phase.

III. Programs, vehicles, facilities, and systems proposed to be developed, altered, moved, or constructed, as indicated by the Emory Campus Master Plan, shall take into account information supplied through input from EOP/DSC and CDAC.

IV. A Walking Campus will mean a change in the manner parking is handled for persons with disabilities. Some will be required to park in accessible spaces in decks and be taken to accessible buildings in accessible vehicles. There will be fewer actual spaces directly outside some buildings.

Specific recommendations to provide total accessibility to persons with disabilities.

- Design and construction plans shall be reviewed by representatives from EOP/DSC and CDAC.
- Surfaces shall be appropriate for passage of persons with disabilities.
- Signage shall clearly indicate accessible routes.
- Alternative accessible paths of travel to facilities and space shall be provided during construction and renovation.
- Changes in level shall be able to be negotiated by persons with disabilities, or an alternative accessible path of travel identified.
- Transportation and parking systems shall be accessible, integrated over the entire campus, and implemented in a timely manner.
- Transit vehicles shall be integrated into the parking system and be accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities, including wheelchair users and short-distance walkers."