

Minutes from the University Senate

4 February 1998

Cecil B. Day Chapel, The Carter Center

In attendance: Leann Bauch, Paige Bell, John Boli, Virgil Brown, Susie Buchter, Joy Burnette, William Cody, Tommy Cutts, Ross Donaldson, Ron Foust, Steven Frank, Jonathan Freimann, Gary Hauk, Marsha Hendricks, Linda Huddleston, Luke Johnson, Joyce Jones, Judith Kapp, Harriet King, Kevin LaGree, Adrienne Leder, Sharon Lewis, Frances Lucas-Tauchar, Elizabeth McBride, Bafana Moyo, Erik Oliver, David Pacini, Christa Purnell, P.V. Rao, Gay Robins, Jeffrey Rosensweig, Karen Salisbury, Bill Size, Michael Skolnick, Sidney Stein, Claire Sterk, Jo Taylor, Mike, Terrazas, Robin Thomas, Nanette Wenger, Frank Vandall

Excused absences: Susie Buchter, Laura Porter Kimble, Jerre Lutz, Helen O'Shea, Karen Stolley, Keith Wilkinson, Nancy Wilkinson

I. Welcome

University Senate President William Cody called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. After extending a welcome to all members and guests, he introduced Joyce Jones, Director of Professional Programs at The Carter Center.

II. Welcome to The Carter Center

Joyce Jones welcomed the University Senate to The Carter Center, and invited all members to return to the Center to enjoy its setting and its programs.

III. Presentation of the Minutes of the 27 January 1998 Senate Meeting

Senate President Cody presented the minutes of the 27 January 1998 meeting to the University Senate for their approval. The Senate approved the minutes as presented.

IV. Remarks from President Chace

University President William Chace announced gifts to the Business School from the Goizueta estate and the Woodruff Foundation in the amount of 20 million dollars each. He expressed his gratitude for these benefactions, and noted that they will considerably strengthen the prospects of the new Dean, Tom Robertson, to advance the position of the Business School.

President Chace expressed concern over the psychological impediments that the otherwise impressive outcomes of our endowment growth have produced. Principal among these is a misconception of the fiscal situation of the University; it remains 60% tuition-dependent for the needs of the annual budget--despite the yield of the endowment--as compared with Princeton, which is only 1% tuition-dependent. A second misconception is that all schools at Emory share equally in the abundance of the endowment, which hides from view the under-endowed status of the schools of Law, Public Health, and Nursing.

President Chace turned next to a review of the history of the Provost's Office with particular attention to its budgetary authority. He shared his perception that the current lines of budget authority are not consistent with the structural arrangements of the Provost's Office in other leading universities. President Chace expressed his desire to redress this structural inconsistency, in the interest both of strengthening the integrity of the Provost's Office, and of enhancing the competitive attractiveness of the office for candidates whom the University is currently identifying to succeed former Provost Billy Frye.

President Chace concluded his remarks with the announcement that the Board of Trustees had adopted the notion of planning for six capital investments by increasing slightly the endowment yield to establish a matching fund for these projects. The University will undertake these projects only when it has identified the 50% matching funds from outside resources.

V. First Presentation of Honorary Degrees

Professor Alice Benston, Chair of the Honorary Degrees Committee, outlined the procedures that govern the work of the committee, and then presented to the Senate the slate of candidates for the 1999 commencement ceremonies.

VI. Remarks on Campus Life from Vice President and Dean of Campus Life

Francis Lucas-Tauchar and Dean of Students Darnita Killian Vice President Lucas-Tauchar described for the Senate the sweep of the Division of Campus Life, and the three shared principles that govern its programs. These are that all professionals in the Division are educators, who are caring, interested, ethical people; that all serve as examples for shared experience; and that all are committed to connecting Division programs to the curriculum.

Dean of Students Darnita Killian described her responsibility primarily in terms of developing "community at Emory," and is directing a considerable measure of her time to promoting interaction among faculty, students, and staff.

VII. Report from Fringe Benefits Committee

Professor Sydney Stein, Chair of the Fringe Benefits Committee, reported on discussions with Prudential to off-set the possibility of identify theft that the inclusion of social security numbers on health care cards poses. Prudential has not found it possible to be responsive to the approaches that have been discussed thus far.

VIII. Report on The Carter Center Faculty Liaison Program

Professor Luke Johnson, Chair of The Carter Center Faculty Liaison Program, reported on the history and progress of the Program and announced that applications for those interested in participating were available in The Carter Center folder that each member of the Senate received at the beginning of the Senate meeting.

IX. Remarks from Student Government Association Jonathan Freimann.

SGA President Jonathan Freimann reported on the success of the Magnolia Conference on student leadership that had been held at Emory. He also expressed his appreciation to the Senate for the good working relationship he had enjoyed during his tenure as SGA president. The Senate, in turn, expressed its appreciation to Jonathan for his leadership.

X. Nominees for President-elect and Secretary of the University Senate

Senate President William Cody announced the slate of candidates that the Nominating Committee of the University Senate has proposed, noting that nominations may also be received from the floor during the next month before the elections. The proposed nominees are Professor John Boli for Senate President-elect, and Professor David Pacini for Senate Secretary.

Hearing of no other Business, Senate President Cody adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Pacini, Secretary