

**University Senate minutes  
24 March 1998**

**Cox Hall, Room 4**

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**In Attendance:** Leann Bauch, John Boli, William M. Chace, Doug Falls, William Cody, Rebecca Chopp, Tommy Cutts, Ross Donaldson, Raymond DuVarney, Ron Foust, Chuck Divine, Marsha Hendricks, Luke Johnson, Laura Porter Kimble, Harriet King, Steve Kraftchick, Kevin LaGree, Adrienne Leder, Sharon Lewis, Jerre Lutz, Elizabeth McBride, Erik Oliver, Helen O'Shea, David Pacini, Deepika Petraglia-Bahri, Christa Purnell, P.V.Rao, Gay Robins, Karen Salisbury, Bill Size, Michael Skolnick, Sidney Stein, Jo Taylor, Mike Terrazas, Robin Thomas, Nancy Wilkinson, Frank Vandall

**Excused Absences:** Susie Buchter, Terry Clark, Joyce Jones, Judith Kapp, Jeffrey Rosenweig, Claire Sterk, Karen Stolley

**I. Welcome**

University Senate President William Cody called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and extended a welcome to all members and guests.

**II. Presentation and Approval of Minutes of 24 February 1998 Meeting**

Senate President Cody presented the minutes of the 24 February 1998 meeting to the Senate. The Senate approved the minutes as presented.

**III. Second Presentation of Honorary Degrees Candidates**

Professor Alice Benston, chair of the Honorary Degrees Committee, presented the slate of honorary degree candidates for Senate approval. The Senate approved the slate.

**IV. Report from the Committee on Disabilities and Learning of the Faculty Council**

Professor David S. Pacini reported that the Faculty Council had adopted the report from the Committee on Disabilities and Learning (see attachment).

**V. The Election of President Elect and Secretary of the University Senate**

Senate President William Cody presented the slate of nominees for Senate office. The nominees are for President Elect, Professor John Boli and for

Secretary, David S. Pacini. The Past President, Luke Johnson, oversaw the election and Senate President William Cody announced the results: for President Elect, John Boli and for Secretary, David S. Pacini.

## **VI. Other Business**

Chair of the Fringe Benefits Committee, Dr. Sidney Stein, announced that Prudential expressed reluctance to cooperate regarding the removal of social security numbers from EmoryCare insurance cards. The Senate asked that the committee continue to pursue negotiations with Prudential regarding identity theft through social security numbers on EmoryCare cards and that the committee contact other universities in an attempt to seek support regarding the proposed change.

Erik Oliver, former president of the Employee Council, introduced the new Employee Council President, Dr. Ron Foust. Senate President William Cody commended Erik Oliver for his exemplary service to both the Employee Council and the University Senate.

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Harriet King announced the finalists for the provost search: Professor John Bassett of Case Western Reserve, Professor Edie Goldenberg of the University of Michigan, and Professor Rebecca Chopp of Emory University. Vice Provost Harriet King stated that interview schedules for the candidates will be announced.

Interim Provost Rebecca Chopp announced an open community event for the final review of the Campus Master Plan to be held at 4:00 p.m. on 8 April in Cox Hall.

Senate President Elect and Chair of the Distinguished Faculty Lecture Committee, Virgil Brown, announced this years Distinguished Faculty Lecture which will be held 31 March, 4:00 p.m.

Senate President Cody reminded the standing committees that their reports are due at the April meeting.

Hearing no other business, Senate President Cody adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David S. Pacini

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**Attachment:**

**Resolution on Disabilities and Learning**

In light of the centrality of teaching to the academic experience at Emory University and the increasing number among its students who qualify for assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Faculty Council Recommends that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disabilities and Learning continue as advisory body to the Provost, with respect to two issues:

A. Encouraging University-wide efforts to inform faculty about ways to recognize potential disabilities and about available resources for assisting students with such disabilities. These efforts would include educational programs incorporated in faculty orientation, TATTO, and other fora in which awareness of issues related to students with disabilities would be relevant for discussion.

B. Supporting faculty in determining learning plans appropriate to those students requiring assistance that both facilitate student learning and maintain the educational objectives and scholarly integrity of instruction. These plans should focus upon the educational experience rather than upon mere compliance with federal legislation. This emphasis will contribute to creating a cooperative activity that preserves the excellence of the academic program while simultaneously acknowledging that certain students may require distinctive learning approaches.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Pacini, Chair

John Banja

Gordon Newby

Karen Stolley