

Minutes of the Emory University Senate
26 January 1999
Reception Hall, Michael C. Carlos Museum

I. Welcome

University President Virgil Brown called the meeting to order and extended a welcome to all members in attendance and guests.

II. Approval of November Minutes

University President Virgil Brown presented the minutes to the Senate for approval. The Senate accepted the minutes without amendment.

III. Remarks from Provost Chopp

Provost Rebecca Chopp reported on the developing plans for "Emory West." They have determined that most of the buildings presently on site constitute serious structural and asbestos abatement problems. To develop a university-wide conversation on the future of the site, Provost Chopp has appointed a task force to amend - in conjunction with the services of Adam Gross - the Master Plan, proposing potential sitings for buildings and determining environmental and traffic factors. A principle responsibility of this group will be to initiate conversation about various uses of this land.

Provost Chopp also announced the appointment of Chancellor Billy Frye to serve as chair of the Emory Millennium Celebration, the theme of which will be reconciliation.

IV. Remarks from President Chace

President Chace expressed appreciation for the Charter Day at hand and its significance for emphasizing distinctive Emory traditions. He went on to note that in light of the death of Senior Vice President and General Counsel Joe Crooks, it was now appropriate to think through what kind of legal representation Emory University should have, what future needs will arise, and how tasks might be divided between in-house and outsourcing options. In the interim Lorraine Spencer, Kristin West and Joan Grafstein will provide leadership for the Office of General Counsel.

V. Committee on Tradition and Community Ties

Associate Vice President Jack Gilbert shared a brief history of the formation of the Committee on Traditions and Community Ties and outlined its purpose. He

noted a survey had been communicated electronically to all persons in the Emory community and that thus far there had been 1100 respondents. He asked assistance in securing responses and provided all members in the Senate with a hardcopy of the survey.

VI. Report from the Fringe Benefits Committee ‐ Sid Stein

Professor Sid Stein, chair of the Fringe Benefits Committee, brought for discussion a resolution regarding the extension of university retirement benefits to employees 21 years of age and older. Current university policy permits university contribution of 6% to retirement benefits for persons 26 years of age and older. Extensive discussion followed. The resolution was tabled for further action.

VII. Honorary Degrees Committee ‐ Rudolph Byrd

Professor Rudolph Byrd brought to the Senate a slate of honorary degree candidates for its review. The degrees will be conferred at the commencement of 2000.

VIII. Report from the Traffic and Parking Committee

Traffic and Parking Committee Chair John Magnotta advised the Senate of the current state of the Marta and light rail proposals for public transport in and around the Emory area. Given the shifting climate of political commitments, the direction these proposals will follow is far from clear.

IX. Report from the Ad Hoc Committee for Emory Village

Committee chair Judith Kapp presented the committee's recommendation that the University Senate elect a representative from its membership to participate in the ongoing discussions concerning development issues in Emory Village. The Senate approved the recommendation unanimously.

X. Other Business

Hearing no other business, Senate President Brown adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David S. Pacini, Secretary
University Senate