

Minutes of the Emory University Senate
27 October 1998
Cox Hall, Room 4

In attendance: Leann Bauch, SueAnne Bell, Robin Blaetz, Lisa Bloom, John Boli, Virgil Brown, William Cody, Tommy Cutts, Chuck Divine, Ray DuVarney, Marsha Hendricks, Jorge L. Juncos, Judith Kapp, Harriet King, Steve Kraftchick, Sharon Lewis, John Magnotta, Maddie Monahan, Erik Oliver, Helen O'Shea, Sidney Perkowitz, Deepika Petraglia-Bahri, Brian Purdie, Gay Robins, Ann Rouse, Bill Size, Michael Skolnic, David Smith, Sidney Stein, Randall Strahan, Jo Taylor, Mike Terrazas, Robin Thomas, Frank Vandall, Collin J. Weber, Keith Wilkinson, Steve Hochman, Elizabeth Corrie, Sarah Langley

I. Welcome

University Senate President Virgil Brown called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. and extended a welcome to all those present.

II. Remarks from President William Chace

President Chace expressed regret over the loss of Kroger in the Emory Village and added that he agreed the Village could be stronger and more inviting. He stated, however, that while he did regret the loss of the grocery store, he did not necessarily regret the arrival of CVS. In his discussions with CVS, they have promised to keep in mind the needs of the community and the campus, and he believes they will honor these promises.

President Chace then addressed the issue of Affirmative Action and commented on a recently published book by William G. Bowen and Derek Bok, *The Shape of the River*, which dispels current myths and arguments about the counterproductive effects of Affirmative Action. Students and graduates interviewed by Bowen and Bok affirmed the importance of Affirmative Action, expressing the wish that their alma mater had done more in this area and stating that Affirmative Action does not erode the self confidence of students. Furthermore, Bowen and Bok point out that these graduates are more likely than their colleagues to give time and attention to civic responsibilities outside of their career. President Chace ended his remarks by reminding everyone of the important role Affirmative Action programs have played at Emory University.

III. Discussion of Emory Village Issue

Michael Skolnick began the discussion by stating the students felt the University Senate could have taken a more active role in the Emory Village issue. He stressed the importance of the Senate taking a more prominent role in future issues concerning community relations and Emory Village. SGA President Chuck Divine updated the Senate on SGA actions thus far in the situation. Since the SGA felt it could not prevent or discourage CVS from opening a store in the village, it decided to take a cooperative stance. The students have engaged CVS in conversations, negotiating content of the store.

Robin Thomas of the Campus Life Committee urged the Senate to take part in the discussions with CVS representatives. Michael Skolnick urged the Senate to represent the needs and views of the university in these discussions and express a desire to the community to work together regarding development in Emory Village. The Senate agreed to establish an ad hoc committee to investigate this issue further. Ray DuVarney, Ann Rouse, Judith Kapp, Betty Willis, Chuck Divine, Robin Thomas, Parham Eftekhari, David Smith, Michael Skolnick, volunteered to serve on the ad hoc committee.

IV. Election of Student Representatives

University Senate President Virgil Brown asked if the Senate accepted Chuck Divine, SGA President, as a student representative to the Executive Committee of the University Senate. The Senate approved this appointment. President Brown then asked the student representatives present to introduce themselves and make nominations for the second representative to the Executive Committee. Upon completion of the introductions, the students nominated Elizabeth Corrie; the Senate accepted the nomination and elected Ms. Corrie to serve on the Executive Committee.

V. Committee Plans and Approval of Committee Rosters

Professor Rudolph Byrd of the Honorary Degrees Committee and John Magnotta of the Traffic and Parking Committee submitted their committee rosters for approval (see attached). The Senate approved these rosters unanimously.

Rosters from the Library Policy Committee and the Campus Life Committee were not available for presentation. The Senate agreed to have these rosters presented for approval by email.

VI. Other Business

Referring to President Chace's comments on Affirmative Action, University Senate Past-President Bill Cody expressed his strong support of Affirmative Action programs and urged the Senate to support it "not because of recent studies but because it is the right thing to do."

VII. Adjourn

Having no other business to conduct, the Senate adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Pacini
Secretary