

**Minutes of the Emory University Senate**  
**23 February 1999**  
**Rita Anne Rollins Room**  
**Grace Crum Rollins Building**

**In attendance:** Leann Bauch, Jeremy Berry, Lisa Bloom, John Boli, W. Virgil Brown, Kevin Callaway, William Chace, William Cody, Elizabeth Corrie, Tommy Cutts, Raymond DuVarney, Parham Eftekhari, Ron Foust, Gary Hauk, Marsha Hendricks, Steven Hochman, Jorge L. Juncos, Steve Kraftchick, Sharon Lewis, Jerre Lutz, John Magnotta, Maddie Monahan, William Muller, David Pacini, Sidney Perkowitz, Brian Purdie, Nancy Reinhold, Gay Robins, Karen Salisbury, Bill Size, Michael Skolnick, David Smith, Sidney Stein, Claire Sterk, Robin Thomas, Frank Vandall, Collin J. Weber

**I. Welcome**

University Senate President Virgil Brown called the meeting to order at 3:15 and extended a welcome to all members and guests. Senate President Brown announced this year's Distinguished Faculty Lecture which will occur on 25 March 1999. The lecturer will be Dr. Jacqueline Jordan Irvine.

**II. Approval of January Minutes**

Senate President Brown presented the January minutes to the Senate for their approval. The Senate accepted the minutes with the amendment, brought by the University Secretary that Professor Rudolph Byrd had presented to the Senate at its January meeting the specific recommendation for one candidate for commencement 1999.

**III. Remarks from President Chace**

President Chace announced that there would be an opportunity for discussion on the proposed shuttle lane on the boundary of Lullwater Park. The forum was held at the Woodruff Health Sciences Center on February 24.

**IV. Remarks from Provost Chopp**

Provost Rebecca Chopp announced that Dean Kevin LeGree had accepted an invitation to become the President of Simpson College in Iowa. The School of Theology will immediately inaugurate procedures for a search for a new dean. She advised the Senate that Dean Donald K. Stein of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences will return to teaching, necessitating a search for a new dean for the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. She noted as well that searches are underway for deans at the School of Nursing and Oxford College.

## **V. Honorary Degrees Committee**

Rudolph Byrd, Chair of the Honorary Degrees Committee, presented the slate of honorary degree candidates to the Senate for their consideration. He noted that files are available at the University Secretary's office for review.

## **VI. Vice Provost for Information Technology Paul Morris**

Vice Provost for Information Technology Paul Morris provided an extensive and detailed account of the current state of information technology as well as some projections for ways in which information technology will develop in coming years.

## **VII. Fringe Benefits Committee; Sid Stein**

Professor Sid Stein, chair of the Fringe Benefits Committee, brought back the committee's resolution to extend retirement benefits, which the Senate had tabled in its January meeting. In answer to a request made by Senate members at the January meeting, Alice Miller, Vice President for Human Resources, presented a survey of peer institute practices for providing retirement benefits. After extensive discussion during which Jeremy Berry made a strong argument in support of extending benefits to employees under the age of 26, a motion was made to accept the resolution as presented at the January meeting. The Senate adopted the resolution.

## **VIII. Nominations**

Senate President-elect John Boli presented the nominations for president-elect and secretary. The candidates are Claire E. Sterk for President-elect and Robin Blaetz for Secretary.

## **IX. Adjourn**

Hearing no other business, Senate President Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Pacini, Secretary  
University Senate