

Minutes of the Emory University Senate
23 March 1999
Reception Hall, Carlos Museum

I. Welcome

University Senate President-elect John Boli called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. and extended a welcome to all members and guests. He announced that Professor Jacqueline Jordan Irvine would deliver this year's Distinguished Faculty Lecture on 25 March in the Winship Ballroom. He further noted changes to the agenda for the meeting, postponing Marion Creekmore's presentation on internationalization until the April meeting. He called upon Ron Foust to introduce Ann Rouse, who is the new president of the Employee Council, and Chuck Divine to introduce Matthew Maron, new president of the Student Government Association.

II. Approval of February Minutes

Senate President-elect Boli presented the February minutes to the Senate for their approval. The Senate accepted the minutes without amendment.

III. Remarks from President Chace

President Chace extended congratulations to both Ann Rouse and Matthew Maron for their newly elected positions. He expressed pleasure with the success of the Sam Nunn Forum and with the announcement that Robert Reich would deliver this year's commencement address. He then addressed the February Senate resolution urging the administration to extend retirement benefits to employees between the ages of 21 and 26. After thorough study of benefit plans of peer institutions, as well as four local corporations, the administration determined that none have better programs than the current Emory plan, and that some compare less favorably. In light of the information currently available, the administration has decided not to extend retirement benefits to employees under the age of 26, but is willing to re-open the discussion in the event that additional, strong evidence should be forthcoming.

IV. University Senate Elections

President-elect Boli asked if any member of the Senate chose to submit nominations additional to those the nominating committee proposed for the offices of president and secretary. Hearing none, he directed the Senate to cast its ballots. Newly elected officers are: Claire Sterk, President-elect, and Robin Blaetz, Secretary.

V. Honorary Degrees Committee

Professor Rudolph Byrd, chair of the Honorary Degrees Committee, reported on the work of the committee and presented a slate of candidates to the Senate for their consideration and election. The Senate voted to confirm the proposed slate of candidates.

VI. Report on Committee Budgetary Needs

President-elect Boli reported on his survey of budgetary needs for the work of the standing committees of the Senate. Only half of the committees stand in need of funding, as the others are already receiving funds from other sources. Of the needs identified to date, a budget in the range of ten to twenty thousand dollars per survey appears to be appropriate. The difficulty will be to identify needs sufficiently in advance to identify appropriate budgetary resources. Conversation concerning this issue will continue in the coming year.

VII. Resolution in Support of the Development of Additional Child-care Facilities for the Emory Community

Professor Mary DeLong, chair of the President's Commission on the Status of Women presented a resolution in support of the development of additional child-care facilities at Emory. She noted that despite a commitment to ensure child-care facilities, the university has had to assign priority to other pressing requirements. Consequently, as the university has grown, and demand for child-care has increased, fewer spaces for such care are available in the area. The purpose of bringing the resolution to the Senate is to enlist its support, together with that of already expressed support of the Employee Council and of the Student Government Association, in the communication of the urgency of this need to the administration. After extensive discussion, the Senate voted in support of this resolution.

VIII. Other Business

Senate President-elect Boli expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Senate for the service that Chuck Divine and Ron Foust had given during the past year. Michael Skolnick announced that the Campus Life Committee has been working with communications on campus, and would have an up-dated report at the April meeting. Ron Foust announced that shuttles to the Marta hearing at the Maloof Building on 29 March would run between 2:00 and 8:30.

IX. Adjournment

Hearing no other business, Senate President-elect Boli adjourned the meeting at 4:45.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Pacini
Secretary
University Senate