

**Minutes of the Emory University Senate
8 September 1998
Seney Hall, Oxford College**

In attendance: SueAnne Bell, Robin Blaetz, Lisa Bloom, John Boli, W. Virgil Brown, Kevin Callaway, William Cody, Rebecca Chopp, Tommy Cutts, Ray DuVarney, Ronald Foust, Gary Hauk, Sharon Lewis, Jerre Lutz, John Magnotta, Maddie Monahan, Helen O'Shea, David Pacini, Nancy Reinhold, Gay Robins, Ann Rouse, Jeffrey Rosensweig, Bill Size, Michael Skolnick, Claire Sterk, Jocelyn Taylor, Mike Terrazas, Robin Thomas, Keith Wilkinson, Elizabeth Corrie

I. Welcome and Announcements

University Senate President Virgil Brown called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. He then introduced Professor William H. Murdy, Dean of Oxford College.

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III. "Remembering our Founding Values" Senate President Virgil Brown

Introducing this year's theme for the University Senate, "Remembering our Founding Values," Senate President Brown reminded everyone that the values which formed a basis for Emory University began at Oxford College. Growing out of a German educational commitment to the Manual Labor School, in which idealism was joined to practicality, Oxford College emerged as a working agricultural school, adapting the theories of science to the practicalities of life.

The idea faltered. The Manual Labor School died, and Emory College was founded in 1836. By the year 1886, Warren Aiken Candler had established a strong liberal arts college with demanding standards and an equally strong opposition to intercollegiate athletics. The school placed at the heart of its pedagogy a dedication to developing within its students strong personal values, a respect for faith, a sense of service to fellow humans, an appreciation for hard work, and a spirit of fellowship, tolerance and cooperation. These values continued through Asa G. Candler's commitment to the new

Emory Campus in Druid Hills. Open-mindedness has run true to Emory ever since. Senate President Brown encouraged members of the Senate to remember these values in their work to advance the Emory mission.

Senate President Brown then turned the floor over to Past-President Bill Cody who presided over the remainder of the meeting.

IV. Approval of April Minutes

University Senate Past-President Bill Cody presented the minutes of the April meeting to the Senate, which accepted them as presented.

V. Remarks of President Chace

President William Chace announced that Dean Murdy would be stepping down as the Dean of Oxford College and that Provost Rebecca Chopp has established a search committee for this position as well as search committees for the Dean of the Nursing School and for the Vice Provost of Information Technology.

Turning the Senate's attention to changes occurring in the physical structure of the University, the President announced that the Woodruff Foundation has made a gift enabling the construction of all buildings for the Science 2000 project. Regarding construction currently underway, President Chace called attention to the completed walkways in front of Cox Hall as an illustration of the advances being made in the Campus Master Plan.

In response to questions about the recent stock-market corrections and its impact on the future of Emory, President Chace stated that the three year balancing plan has helped keep Emory on course with its plans. He expressed assurances that no emergency measures are necessary.

President Chace informed the Senate of the new configurations of administrative groups. The first of these changes replaces the Program and Budget Committee with two groups: the President's Cabinet and the Ways and Means Committee. The President's Cabinet will work to orient priorities of the University while the Ways and Means Committee, chaired by Provost Rebecca Chopp, will develop strategies to fund these priorities. In addition to these two new committees, the President's Senior Staff and the Council of Deans and Directors have merged to create the Administrative Council. Provost Chopp has reconfigured the Council of Deans and increased the number of times it convenes from once a month to twice a month. These two committees will work to improve the efficiency of the University and continue to provide a forum for heads of departments to communicate their plans and concerns.

GMHI plans have required considerable patience on the part of the University. At least two bridges remain to be crossed. Currently, the University can not use the property for parking purposes. This should be corrected in the near future. Furthermore, the

buildings on the property may have to be razed because of their general state of disrepair. The President stated that Emory may hire a professional firm to assess the state of the buildings before deciding their fate. President Chace assured the Senate that despite the quality of the buildings and the initial obstacles to using the property for additional parking, the additional 40 acres is all to the good.

With respect to the closing of Kroger, President Chace expressed hopes that a grocery store will remain in the village. To that end, President Chace has written CVS, urging review of their plans. He reminded the Senate, however, that the resolution of this issue is not something the University can steer into harbor; the voices of the community must be heard.

In his final remarks, the President stated that planning continues for new parking facilities and transportation operations.

VI. Remarks from Provost Chopp

Provost Chopp elaborated on the redesign of the Council of Deans, which President Chace mentioned in his remarks. This committee now meets bi-weekly, working to establish academic directions for the University.

With regard to the goals of the Provost's Office for the next five years, Provost Chopp outlined three broad objectives:

- 1) Continue building the basics and coordinating service units with academic goals.
- 2) Discover creative ways to seize our opportunities: exploiting compactness of campuses to promote interdisciplinary programs.
- 3) Develop the University as a community, with thought given to what kind of place we want the University to be and how we, as a diverse community, can ensure continued learning and growth for everyone.

In addition, Provost Chopp made announcements about several projects underway. The Provost's Office has begun work to redefine the budget process. Also in progress is a search for a Communications Coordinator to facilitate academic exchange and communications between faculty. The Sam Nunn Forum, which includes participants from the University of Georgia, Georgia Institute of Technology and Emory, is underway -- the topic this year: "Ethics and the Renewal of Civil Society."

Provost Chopp also announced that the faculty development program will continue, with an emphasis upon communication among people who face common problems.

VII. Report for Gary Hauk on Honorary Degree Recommendations and Status of Senate Resolutions

University Secretary Gary Hauk gave a report on the status of Senate resolutions adopted during the 1997-98 academic year. The Board accepted the recommendations of the Reverend Susan Henry-Crowe, University Chaplain, and Reverend Samuel Clark, Oxford College Chaplain, regarding the establishment of a new policy on the use of University chapels. As for the placement of social security numbers on insurance cards, the Fringe Benefits Committee continues to pursue leverage with Prudential. The University fully adopted the Accessibility Resolution put forth by the Senate, and with respect to recommendations made by the Honorary Degrees Committee, the University Secretary's Office awaits the decision of the Board of Trustees.

VIII. Committee Plans and Approval of Committee Rosters

Standing Committees of the Senate presented their plans for the upcoming academic year (these will be attached to the hardcopy of the minutes, which will be distributed Tues.).

The following committees submitted their rosters for approval, which the Senate granted unanimously:

Campus Development
Environmental Policy
Fringe Benefits
Safety and Security
Athletic Policy

The four remaining committees -- Campus Life, Honorary Degrees, Library Policy, Traffic and Parking -- will present their rosters at October's meeting.

VIII. Election of Graduate Student Representative

The Senate decided to defer election of the Graduate Student Representative until the October meeting.

Having no other business, the Senate adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Pacini, Secretary
University Senate