

**Minutes of Emory University Senate
January 25, 2000
Rita Ann Rollins Room, Grace C. Rollins Building**

In Attendance:

John Boli, Virgil Brown, William Chace, Rebecca Chopp, Susan Cook, Pierre Dedelva, Raymond DuVarney, Ron Foust, Helen Harrison, Gary Hauk, Steven Hochman, Sarah Langley, Jerre Lutz, Sharon Lewis, Katie Martin, Judith Miller, Maddie Monahan, Ruth Pagell, Nancy Reinhold, Gay Robins, Ann Rouse, Bill Size, Sidney Stein, Claire Sterk, Steve Strange, Jocelyn Taylor, Michael Terrazas, Thomas Thangaraj, Frank Vandall, Roger Worrell

Guests: Cathleen Corrie for Elizabeth Corrie, Brian Hawks for Alex Hall, Jennifer Holton for Erica Black, Nancy Wilkinson, Ranjan Roy for Leslie Real and Dan Carter

I. Welcome

University Senate Chair, John Boli called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m..

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of November 23, 1999 were approved.

III. Remarks from President Chace

President Chace deferred to Paul Morris to explain e-mail problems due to a large power spike and the resultant equipment damage.

President Chace reported:

- Construction of the performing arts center will begin this summer
- Substantial data has been over to the Grady Coalition and there will likely be a follow-up meeting with the coalition.

IV. Remarks from Provost Chopp

Provost Chopp reported:

- Meeting with the Council of Deans to discuss the budget.
- The University is projecting a growth of between 6% and 7% this year. This will be a more restrained growth than in previous years.
- On a new coordination office for teaching and research in regard to the community outside the walls of the University. The concept was earlier facilitated by Frank Alexander and Jim Fowler. This will be a sign that we are willing to work with the outside community in regard to service, teaching and research.

V. Presentation from Council on Information Resources and Technology (CIRT)

Steve Sanderson, Dean of Emory College, chairs the CIRT, which advises the Provost in regard to technology and coordinates programs between the library and ITD

Dean Sanderson reported:

- CIRT deals with problems relating to e-mail, security and distance learning.
- The University is examining its policies for intellectual property.

Provost Chopp noted that:

- CIRT gives us a central place to discuss issues having to do with information and technology.
- Distance learning needs to be carefully defined and evaluated. We are not about volume education.

The question of individual web-site development by professors was discussed, as was the need to keep existing web pages up-to-date.

VI. Update from committees on current work and issues

Traffic and Parking – The new chair, Kim Turner, was introduced.

Campus Development - Ray DuVarney reported:

- He will often see a project in four distinct stages.
- Forest use and green space are considered in a large number of contemporary building projects.
- 27 projects are currently on the books.

VII. Amendment of Senate bylaws regarding student members of Executive Committee

The proposal brought forward by Frank Vandall and John Boli was moved, seconded and passed.

This revised version makes three changes:

- 1) *It provides that the president of the Graduate Senate (which includes graduate student representatives from all units of the university) will be an ex officio member of the Senate.*
 - 2) It provides that the newly elected Student Government Association (SGA) and Graduate Senate presidents will be members of the Executive Committee.
 - 3) It provides that the SGA and Graduate Senate presidents become members of the Executive Committee immediately upon election to their offices.
- The first of these changes adds an ex officio member of the University Senate in the person of the president of the Graduate Senate, similar to the situation with respect to the SGA president. We feel that the Graduate Senate president will improve graduate

student presence on the Senate and Executive Committee, and the Graduate Senate readily supports this change.

- The second change codifies the Senate’s customary practice of electing the SGA president as a member of the Executive Committee and extends the practice to the Graduate Senate president. We feel that this change will ensure strong student representation on the Executive Committee.
- The third change enables the new SGA and Graduate Senate presidents, elected in the spring, to become familiar with Executive Committee members and procedures as soon as they take office. The proposed change allows the new presidents to overlap with the outgoing presidents for the last one or two Executive Committee meetings of the academic year. We believe this change will improve integration of the student representatives into the committee and facilitate greater interaction between them and other members of the committee.

Our goal is to have both an undergraduate and a graduate student on the Executive Committee. A complication could arise if the SGA president were a graduate student (we know of at least one such case in the past decade). This would leave the undergraduates without a representative on the Senate Executive Committee. The proposed amended passage also responds to that issue.

Article II, Section 1, (a) – Ex officio members

Add “the President of the Graduate Senate,” following *the President and Immediate Past-President of the Student Government Association*

Article IV, Section 2 – Committees Existing passage:

Two students shall be elected from the annual membership of the Senate; the student members shall not be from the same school or division.

Approved amended passage:

Two students shall be members. The President of the Student Government Association and the President of the Graduate Senate shall become members upon election to their respective offices. If the President of the Student Government Association is a graduate student, the undergraduate members of the Senate shall elect a representative to the Executive Committee from among themselves and the President of the Graduate Senate shall not be a member of the Executive Committee. The immediate Past-President of the Student government Association and the immediate former Graduate Senate President Shall continue as members until the end of the spring semester.

VIII. Report from The Fringe Benefits Committee

Dr. Sidney Stein made four points:

- 1) We will offer four alternatives for long-term health care for new employees.

- 2) Some employees do not contribute at the 2% level. This is a great loss to them. The Committee is recommending an educational campaign for those lesser paid staff members.
- 3) Regarding health insurance benefits for those on chemotherapy protocols. The Committee wants to make certain Emory University healthcare reimburses for chemotherapy cancer treatment at least as liberally as non-Emory programs.
- 4) TIAA wants to make available the option of purchasing mutual funds through payroll deductions. This would be on a purely voluntary basis and outside the retirement program. These investments would be on a post-tax basis and would be available to all Emory employees.

IX. Report from Ad-Hoc Committee on Workplace Giving

Steve Hochman reported:

- He and the Committee believe that workplace giving at Emory should be expanded beyond United Way to include organizations such as the Environmental Fund for Georgia.
- The Committee found that employees want as few choices made for them as possible.

A discussion was had on the gate-keeping role of the University, the costs of administration and the need to preliminarily evaluate the petitioning charity.

The Senate Chair concluded the discussion by asking the Committee to provide a written report to the Senate as well as a more concrete proposal.

X. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07

Respectfully submitted,

Frank J. Vandall
Secretary,
University Senate