

**Minutes of Emory University Senate
March 28, 2000
Rita Ann Rollins Room, Grace C. Rollins Building**

In Attendance:

Jeremy Berry, John Boli, Virgil Brown, Rudolph Byrd, William Chace, Elizabeth Corrie, Ron Foust, Gary Hauk, Steven Hochman, Jorge Juncos, Naiyareh Karimimanesh, Harriet King, Robert Lee, Susan Lee, Sharon Lewis, Katie Martin, Judith Miller, Maddie Monahan, Paul Morris, Helen O'Shea, Ruth Pagell, Nancy Reinhold, Gay Robins, Ann Rouse, Bill Size, Sidney Stein, Claire Sterk, Steve Strange, Jocelyn Taylor, Michael Terrazas, Frank Vandall, Roger Worrell

Guests: Jaydeep Bhat, Erica Frank, Amy Harris, Tito Jackson, Marcus Moore, Alice Rolls, Jennifer Russell, Jim Wilson, Nanette Wenger

I. Welcome

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

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of February 22, 2000 were approved.

III. Remarks from President Chace

President Chace reported that:

- Four persons have visited the campus to interview for the Vice Provost for International Affairs position.
- Three people have been on campus to interview for the position of Dean of the Divinity School.
- Three others have interviewed for the position of Dean of the Graduate School.
- The search is ongoing for Dean of Campus Life.

The President then answered numerous questions in regard to the various searches.

IV. Report on Academic Affairs Committee action regarding Bylaws Amendment:

President Boli reported that the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees approved the Senate proposal that brings the SGA President onto the Senate as soon as elected. Therefore that piece of legislation is complete, he noted.

V. Second Report of the Honorary Degree Committee

Dr. Byrd presented five candidates to be considered by the Senate for Honorary Degrees. A secret ballot election was conducted.

VI. Election of President - Elect and Secretary of the Senate

Frank Vandall was unanimously elected as President - Elect of the Senate and Susan Lee was unanimously elected as Secretary of the Senate.

VII. Report from Ad-Hoc Committee on Workplace Giving

President Chace reported that in terms of United Way giving Emory lags far behind other comparable schools, such as Georgia, Tech, Tulane, and Duke. He noted that this new approach will hopefully increase the amount given at Emory.

After a discussion of the Ad-Hoc Committee's report, Steve Hochman presented the following resolution to the Senate:

"The University Senate recommends the establishment of an annual workplace giving campaign at Emory University that offers employees an expanded choice of charitable organizations and federations to which they may contribute."

Virgil Brown moved the question. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Georgia State Flag issue

Tito Jackson discussed the issues surrounding the flag issue and proposed the following resolution:

"Whereas, the members of the University Senate discern that the State Flag of Georgia creates a negative impact on the national and international academic reputation of the University and is disrespectful and hurtful to many members of the Emory community; and

Whereas, Emory wishes to continue to foster a welcoming environment that attracts diverse faculty, staff, students and administrators from all parts of the nation and the world.

Whereas, Emory does not fly the current State Flag of Georgia in any official capacity anywhere on campus, but no official policy concerning the flag exists.

Therefore let it be resolved that the University Senate of Emory University encourages the Board of Trustees or Office of the President to adopt an official policy stating that the University will not fly the state flag until such time as the confederate emblem on the flag is removed, and encourages the Georgia Legislature to remove the Confederate Battle Flag from the State Flag of Georgia.

Let it further be resolved that this resolution be forwarded on to the Board of Trustees for their consideration."

An enthusiastic and thoughtful discussion followed. As time ran out, President Boli asked that the flag issue be carried over to the next meeting and that the resolution be redrafted to reflect the discussion before the Senate. The motion to adopt the flag resolution was tabled.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank J. Vandall
Secretary,
University Senate