

Emory University Senate
March 25, 2003
Jones Room, Woodruff Library
3:15 - 5:00
Minutes

Present:

Max Aue, Nancy Bayly, Travis Blalock, William Branch, Euler Bropleh, Shelly Brownsberger, Ivan Cakarevic, William Chace, Eugene Emory, John Ford, Isabel Garcia, Susan Gilbert, Jan Gleason, Joan Gotwals, Gary Hauk, Howard Hunter, Susie Lackey, Susan Lee, Alex Lehner, Peter Mather, Julie Mayfield, Bill McBride, Michael McCoy, Kathy McKee, Mark McLeod, Judy Raggi Moore, Joyce Murray, Don Newsome, Joshua Noblitt, Ryan Payne, Jennifer Peresie, Michael Rogers, Robin Schreiber, Dan Sellen, John Snarey, Sidney Stein, Steve Strange, Sharon Strocchia, Mike Terrazas, Donna Troka, Frank Vandall, Richard Ward, Lindsay Warren

Excused:

Mary Barnes, Cheryl Bowie, Raquell Cogell, Steve Ellwood, Don Harris, Caroline Holt, Harriet King, Terri Loften, Kim Loudermilk, Thomas C. Pearson, Marla Salmon, Bijal Shah

Absent:

Robert Beckford, Tim Bryson, Curtis Carlson, William Casarella, Marion Creekmore, Raymond Dingledine, Richard Doner, Rebecca Donsky, Robert Ethridge, William Fox, Susan Frost, Jim Grimsley, Frank Huff, Michael Johns, Charlotte Johnson, Ronnie Jowers, Clinton Kilts, Jaimie Klein, Jeff Martin, Deborah McFarland, Shehzad Mian, Alice Miller, Jason Miller, Matthew Mitchell, Charles B. Nemeroff, Albert Padwa, Ruth Pagell, Robert Pennington, Beth Seelig, Rachel Shaw, Frank Stout, John Temple, Nathan Tobey, Nelson Totah, Kim Turner, Curtis Witcher, James Zaidan

- I. Welcome
University Senate President William Branch called the meeting to order at 3:19 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes
The minutes of February 25, 2003 were approved.
- III. Reminder that Annual Reports are due at April meeting

Reports from all committees are due at the April meeting. The reports should be meaningful and succinct.

IV. Remarks from Woody Hunter

Provost Hunter reported that the Board of Trustees' executive committee conditionally approved the University's Educational and General (E&G) Budget for fiscal year 2004, subject to review in June 2003. He said that we have a balanced, healthy (but conservative) budget. Emory's assets include a good physical plant, very little unsecured debt, strong faculty, a good applicant pool, and an increase in the research base.

Questions and answers followed.

V. Remarks from President Chace

President Chace made the following announcements:

1. "Classroom on the Quad" will take place on March 26, 2003. President Chace thanked Jim Grimsley, Bruce Knauft, and Donna Wong for their leadership.
2. The University Task Force for Environmental Mission Statement Implementation recommended the appointment of a campus environmental officer. Dr. John Wegner accepted the position. He will begin May 1, 2003.
3. Emory's Habitat for Humanity project will conclude on Saturday, March 29, 2003. President Chace thanked all of the volunteers.

VI. Election of President-Elect & Secretary

Sharon Strocchia, Associate Professor of History, was elected President-Elect. Jane Howell, Senior Editor, Emory University Publications, was elected Secretary.

VII. Second report from Honorary Degrees Committee and election of new Honorary Degree Recipients- Judy Raggi-Moore

The slate of nominees for 2004 honorary degrees was approved.

VIII. Update on Ad hoc committee on pre-employment drug testing- John Snarey

University Senate President-Elect John Snarey reported that the committee will present a report at the April Senate meeting.

IX. Vote on bylaws changes

University Senate Past President Frank Vandall led a discussion of the proposed bylaws changes. After a friendly amendment stating that members will normally not serve more than three consecutive terms, the motion to adopt the bylaws as amended was passed unanimously.

- X. Task Force on Smoking update- William Branch
The Task Force recommended that Emory ban smoking within twenty feet of all entrances to campus buildings. This policy follows closely the ordinance passed by DeKalb County. University Senate President Branch moved that “we express our thanks (to the task force) by acclamation.” The motion was enthusiastically adopted.

Vice President and Secretary of the University Gary Hauk answered questions about implementation of the recommendation.

- XI. New Business
Dr. Sidney Stein, reporting for the Fringe Benefits Committee, gave an update on long term care insurance and presented a proposal from the committee. After a brief discussion, the following motion was passed by a 21-2 vote:

“The Senate adopts the recommendation of The Fringe Benefits Committee that the contribution of an early retiree (age 55-65) to the total health insurance premium not exceed what an employee leaving Emory would have to pay for his/her family unit to maintain health insurance under the rules set forth in COBRA.”

- XII. Adjourn
Hearing no other business, University Senate President Branch adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Lee
Secretary of the University Senate