

Emory University Senate
November 26, 2002
Jones Room, Woodruff Library
3:15 - 5:00
Minutes

In attendance:

Nancy Bayly, Paula Bechtler, Travis Blalock, William Branch, William Chace, Raymond Dingleline, Eugene Emory, John Ford, Jan Gleason, Jim Grimsley, Susan Lee, Alex Lehner, Terri Loften, Kim Loudermilk, Peter Mather, Kathy McKee, Mark McLeod, Shehzad Mian, Judy Raggin Moore, Joyce Murray, Don Newsome, Ruth Pagell, Thomas Pearson, Jennifer Peresie, Michael Rogers, Marla Salmon, Robin Mills Schreiber, Bijal Shah, John Snarey, Sidney Stein, Steve Strange, Sharon Strocchia, Mike Terrazas, Donna Troka, Frank Vandall, James Zaidan

Excused:

Max Aue, Mary Barnes, Cheryl Bowie, Tim Bryson, Ivan Cakarevic, Robert Chirinko, Raquell Cogell, Richard Doner, Rebecca Donsky, Alex Hall, Don Harris, Gary Hauk, Howard Hunter, Harriet King, Susie Lackey, Cathy Phillips, Dan Sellen, Frank Stout, Nelson Totah, Linsay Warren, Nagueyalti Warren, Erdmann Waniek

Absent:

Robert Beckford, David Blake, Jennifer Cannon, Curtis Carlson, William Casarella, Steve Ellwood, Robert Ethridge, William Fox, Susan Frost, Joan Goatwals, Matthew Hicks, Frank Huff, Michael Johns, Ronnie Jowers, Jaimie Klein, Jeff Martin, Julie Mayfield, Bill McBride, Alice Miller, Jason Miller, Matthew Mitchell, Charles Nemeroff, Albert Padwa, Robert Pennington, Christopher Richardson, Beth Seelig, Rachel Shaw, John Temple, Kim Turner, Dianee Winsett, Curtis Witcher, Robert Zayac

Guests:

Shelly Brownsburger, Gordon Newby, Richard Ward

- I. Welcome
University Senate President William Branch called the meeting to order at 3:19 p.m. President Branch introduced Richard S. Ward, a new representative from the Emeritus College.

- II. Approval of Minutes
The minutes of October 29, 2002 were approved.

- III. Gordon Newby –academic freedom and student relations
President Branch reminded the Senate that President Chace charged the Senate and Faculty Council with encouraging meaningful discourse on the conflict in the Middle East. In response, the Faculty Council formed an Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Freedom and Student Relations, chaired by Bruce Knauft and Jim Grimsley. The committee invited Gordon Newby, Professor of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies (MESAS) and Executive Director of the Institute for Comparative and International Studies (ICIS), to speak to the Senate to launch a series of discussions.

Professor Newby reported that MESAS held a number of public information fora following September 11th to explain something about Islam and the nature of the Palestinian and Israeli conflict. There was a good deal of acrimony from some faculty, some students, and some in the surrounding community. They attacked some MESAS faculty members by defacing faculty doors, sending anonymous notes, launching e-mail campaigns, and trying to organize a boycott of classes. The attacked faculty practiced a good deal of forbearance and that kept down controversy. Professor Newby called on the Senate to model the way in which a university talks about controversial issues. He advised the Senate to talk about the various sides of the issue using well reasoned arguments and to identify and condemn those who are acting in a mean-spirited way. Questions and answers followed.

- IV. Kim Loudermilk- SACS
Emory has been working on the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) reaffirmation of accreditation review for the past two years. The self study, which addresses Emory's compliance with 464 criteria established by SACS, will be mailed to the review team in one week. The team will visit Emory in February 2003 to talk to faculty, staff, and students to make sure that the self study is accurate. It is important for the SACS team to talk to a broad spectrum of the university, especially students. Dr. Loudermilk will contact Senate leadership and some of the standing committees in the next few weeks to arrange their participation in the site visit. In addition, Dr. Loudermilk urged all Senate members to contact her at klouder@emory.edu if they are interested in talking to the team. Questions and answers followed.

- V. Remarks from President Chace

President Chace said that he will remain president until his successor is named, appointed, and doing the job. The Board of Trustees will form a search committee. They hope to have someone in place by Labor Day, but they don't know how long the search will take. The searches for the successor to John Temple and a new Dean of Emory College will continue as they are.

A motion was put forward by Frank Vandall to congratulate President Chace on his outstanding leadership, substantial accomplishments in terms of fund raising (almost one billion dollars in nine years), faculty development, building programs, a walking campus, and his continuing wry wit.

President Chace offered a friendly amendment: he didn't raise all of the money alone.

The motion was passed by unanimous applause.

VI. New Business
None.

VII. Adjourn
Hearing no other business, University Senate President Branch adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Lee
Secretary of the University Senate