

Emory University Senate
March 30, 2004
Jones Room, Woodruff Library
3:15–5:00

In Attendance: Nancy Bayly, William Branch, Shelly Brownsberger, Curtis Carlson, Raquel Cogell, Daniel English, Katie Ford, Thomas Frank, Carla Freeman, Isabel Garcia, Jackie Garonzik, Jim Grimsley, Jane Howell, Matthew Krasney, Susie Lackey, Jane Lawson, Lynn Magee, Linda Matthews, Mark McLeod, Richard Metters, Judy Raggi Moore, James Morey, Don Newsome, Ruth Pagell, Robert Pennington, Kelly Schmeelk, Robin Mills Schreiber, Kim Smith, John Snarey, Jennifer Stocking, Steve Strange, James Wagner, Richard Ward, James Zaidan

Excused: Chris Arries, Tom Arthur, Jim Brown, Tim Bryson, Kevin Center, David Holtgrave, Jimin Kim, Harriet King, Richard Levinson, Mike Mandl, Peter Mather, Thomas Pearson, Allesandra Ribeiro, Mike Rogers, Holli Semetko, Elizabeth Simoneau, Sharon Strocchia, Mike Terrazas, Mike Woodworth

Absent: Kent Alexander, Cheryl Bowie, Gregory Boyce, Euler Bropleh, Raymond Dingleline, Richard Doner, David Dreyer, Steve Ellwood, Eugene Emory, Robert Ethridge, John Ford, William Fox, Greg Galant, Maggie Gilead, Jan Gleason, Don Harris, Gary Hauk, Charlotte Johnson, Ronnie Jowers, Mike Johns, Jeffrey Koplan, Jeff Martin, Michael McCoy, Alice Miller, Edie Murphree, Charles Nemeroff, Albert Padwa, Anup Patel, Ryan Payne, Bernard Potts, Patrick Reilly, Carson Sieving, Sidney Stein, Frank Stout, Daniel Teodorescu, Nathan Tobey, Amy Verner, Nagueyalti Warren, Cathi Wentworth

I. Welcome and Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of February 24, 2004, were approved.

III. Reminder: Reports from Committee Chairs are due at the April meeting.

University Senate President Snarey reminded committee chairs that committee reports are due at the April 27 meeting.

IV. Remarks from President James Wagner

President James Wagner discussed the recent campus efforts to become a diverse community and not just a diverse collection of people. He said that some on campus say we need to move faster in this area, while others say we are moving too quickly. He mentioned two recent conflicts on campus, one in which some people of the Hindu faith are questioning the line between academic exercise and being offensive, and the other in which some people in the Jewish community are concerned about the selection of the commencement speaker. President Wagner said that even in the face of these conflicts, he is pleased the campus is coming together to celebrate the inauguration. Wagner expressed

how he thinks that being part of a community should mean that we can talk and even yell about issues. The inauguration coming in the midst of these things is a good thing.

President Wagner discussed recent accomplishments to celebrate. These included the naming of Earl Lewis as the new provost. Lewis is increasingly engaged in his new position, and he and Wagner are already meeting by phone twice a week. Another accomplishment to celebrate is the progress of strategic planning. Wagner is putting together a steering committee that will ultimately put all the pieces of the strategic plan together. He is including campus opinion leaders who are global thinkers about our community. He will have the list of committee members complete in the next week, and he hopes that committee will expand as needed.

President Wagner reported on the findings of the site team that examined information technology at Emory. The team reported strengths, weaknesses, and recommendations for improvement. The strengths included Emory's strong executive-level support for and understanding of information technology, adequate staffing, an appropriate level of financial support, a good enterprise strategy, and terrific reliability. The team also liked the Cox Hall facility. The weaknesses included organizational fragmentation, a delay in wireless technology implementation, a vulnerability with security and recovery issues, the age of LearnLink, a habit of working with the lowest bidders rather than first-tier providers on network hardware, and a lack of centrally coordinated data warehousing. The team also found that in Emory College the services are not as customer-centered as they should be. Recommendations included reorganizing to eliminate fragmentation; benchmarking against other institutions for best practices; going wireless; putting all information (data, voice, and video) on the intranet, which would increase services and save money; looking for a new collaborative tool (LearnLink); creating a research opportunity in information technology related to biosciences and healthcare; developing an academic technology plan; creating a single contact center for consumers; and creating a technology transformation fund.

V. Campus Life Presentation—Mark McLeod

Mark McLeod, director of the Student Counseling Center, made a presentation about the center. He discussed the center's services, which include counseling services and interdisciplinary service and training, and he discussed the issues the center faces. McLeod also listed the center's needs, which are to house the Student Health Service and the Student Counseling Center together, to have more mental health professionals on staff, and to have greater financial support.

VI. New Business

None.

VII. Adjourn

Hearing no other business, University Senate President Snarey adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Howell
Secretary of the University Senate