

Minutes of the Emory University Senate

April 26, 2005
Jones Room,
Woodruff Library

In attendance: Nancy Bayly, Jim Brown, Tim Bryson, Louis Burton, Leslie Campis, Vincent Carter, Kim Collins, Sylvia Ennis, John Ford, Katie Ford, Tom Frank, Susan Gilbert, Maggie Gilead, Keith Gitlitz, Gary Hauk, Kate Heilpern, David Holtgrave, Jane Howell, Nadine Kaslow, Scott Kitner, Susie Lackey, Richard Levinson, Earl Lewis, Gerald Lowrey, Frank Maddox, Lynn Magee, Michael Mandl, Peter Mather, Linda Matthews, Richard Metters, Judy Raggi Moore, Don Newsome, Ruth Pagell, Robert Paul, Michael Rogers, David Saliba, John Snarey, Sidney Stein, Steven Strange, Michael Terrazas, James Wagner.

Excused: Richard Freer, Caroline Hoit, Jackie Marcus, Richard Ward.

Absent: Kent Alexander, Jocelyn Brewer, Jamar Brown, Curt Carlson, Mahlon DeLong, Raymond Dingledine, Richard Doner, Eugene Emory, Bobbie Epting, Jason Fisk, Isabel Garcia, Jan Gleason, Noman Goheer, Amy Harms, Don Harris, Ashaki Holmes, Michael Johns, Charlotte Johnson, Youhann Jokhi, Ronnie Jowers, Kenton Kelly, William Kelly, Jimin Kim, Harriet King, Jeffrey Koplun, Vikas Kumar, Jane Lawson, Marvin Lim, Rosemary Magee, Mark McLeod, Jim Morey, Kelly Moynes, Edith Murphree, Coleman Oglesbee, Albert Padwa, Thomas Pearson, Genevieve Polk, Dwight Raby, Johnnie Ray, Patrick Reilly, Judith Rohrer, Samira Savill, Holli Semetko, Frank Stout, Pei-Fung Sun, Joseph Tipograph, Paul Towne, Cathi Wentworth, Jennifer Wick, Karl Woodworth, Sharon Zinns.

I. Welcome - President Strocchia

University Senate President Sharon Strocchia called the final Senate meeting of 2004-05 to order at 3:25 pm. She thanked all members of the Senate for their dedication, insights and commitment over the course of the academic year.

II. President Strocchia declared the March, 2005 minutes approved as distributed

III. Benefits Recommendations: Sharon Strocchia

President Strocchia distributed and presented the final recommendations document of the benefits review committee. President Strocchia summarized the highlights and conclusions of the committee's work and report. Questions and answers followed. President Strocchia thanked all members of the committee and other contributors to the review.

President Strocchia presented a motion from the committee that the Senate endorse the acceptance of the benefits package for President Wagner's consideration. A vote by show of hands was taken. The vote results were:

19 – Yes

01 – Opposed

00 – Abstentions

IV. 2006 Honorary Degree Candidates: Richard Levinson, Chair, HD Committee

Dr. Levinson distributed and presented a confidential handout of the recommendations from the Honorary Degree Committee. This handout differs from the handout presented at the February 2005 Senate meeting. Dr. Levinson discussed the process of the committee and the variations from the earlier handout. (The handouts are recorded in the Senate records.)

A motion was made for the Senate to accept the slate of candidates presented in this April, 2005 handout. The vote was taken by written ballot and the results were:

18 – Yes
01 – Opposed
00 – Abstentions

President Strocchia announced that the slate of honorary degree candidates is approved by the University Senate.

V. Sexual Assault Prevention: Leslie Campis, Chair, Safety and Security Committee

Dr. Leslie Campus presented on the topic: sexual assault and prevention. Details included prevalence of assaults, reported/non-reported phenomenon, risk factors, after-assault therapy, effects of assault, Emory survey data and student terminology and cultural aspects of sexual assaults. Efforts being made to address this problem include forming working groups to produce educational outreach programs and, secondly, course and guideline development.

Questions and answers followed.

VI. Annual Committee Reports

The standing committees of the University Senate presented written reports of their activities over the past year, which will be included in the formal Annual Report of the Senate. Committee chairs provided very brief highlights of their reports.

VII. Installation of New Officers

President Strocchia thanked the University Senate officers for their service this year. She observed that tremendous partnerships have been forged this year among faculty and staff through leaders' lunches. President Strocchia further expressed gratitude to University administrators and to President Wagner.

To welcome the incoming University Senate President, Strocchia ceremoniously passed the Billy Frye honorary gavel to Dr. Michael Rogers. To welcome the incoming University Senate Secretary, the symbolic feather pen was passed from Secretary Brown to Ms. Jennifer Vazquez. Applause followed.

VIII. Remarks by President Wagner

President Wagner thanked the University Senate for its accomplishments this year. The collaborative partnerships established this year have greatly advanced communication and building trust across sectors of the university.

Next year will bring new opportunities, including executing the strategic plan, development and fund raising, faculty development, benefits implementation, new task forces, along with the addition of new deans and directors. Emory will be better than fine if we continue to grow in engaged collaboration. Engaged collaboration doesn't necessarily mean that we are always in harmony but does mean that we are eager to work together, rather than avoid each other.

There is reason for great encouragement as we go into next year due to the wonderful foundational work performed by the University Senate.

IX. President Strocchia thanked Stacia Brown for her assistance and support throughout the year. Former University Senate President Snarey thanked President Strocchia for her service and presented her with thank you gifts. A standing ovation ensued.

Hearing no other business, President Sharon Strocchia adjourned the meeting at 5:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Brown
Secretary of the University Senate