

Minutes of the Emory University Senate

October 25, 2005

Cox Hall Ballroom

Attendance for 10-25-2005 Senate

In attendance: Kent Alexander, Larry Benveniste, Patricia Brennan, Jamar Brown, Jim Brown, Louis Burton, Leslie Campis, Vincent Carter, Andrew Chern, Kim Collins, Steven Culler, Amrit Dhir, Allison Dykes, Thomas Frank, Ron Gatlin, Maggie Gilead, Gary Hauk, Kate Heilpern, Brian Houston, Jane Howell, Nadine Kaslow, Lauren Kent-Delaney, Susie Lackey, Earl Lewis, Gerald Lowrey, Frank Maddox, Rosemary Magee, Mike Mandl, Richard Mendola, Richard Metters, Theresa Milazzo, Judy Raggi Moore, Paige Parvin, Joyce Piatt, Michael Rogers, Judith Rohrer, Cynthia Shaw, Jennifer Sorrells, Magda Sossa, Rosalind Staib, Sidney Stein, Claire Sterk, Steven Strange, Betsy Tanner, Michael Terrazas, Paul Towne, Jennifer Vazquez, Jim Wagner, Richard Ward, Donna Wong, Karl Woodworth

Excused: Jonathan Beam, Tim Bryson, Richard Doner, Harriet King, Lynn Magee, Linda Matthews, Carol Newsom, Genevieve Polk, Sharon Strocchia.

Absent: Robert Ahdieh, Feras Akbik, Brittany Bermudez, Jocelyn Brewer, Mary Cahill, Ronald Calabrese, Curtis Carlson, Winifred Cisar, Mahlon DeLong, Eugene Emory, Robert Ethridge, Zandra Foster, John Ford, Jan Gleason, Michael Johns, Charlotte Johnson, Ronnie Jowers, Kenton Kelly, William Kelly, Del King, Jeffrey Koplan, Jane Lawson, Richard Levinson, Bryan Mashioff, Edith Murphree, Michael Owen, Johnnie Ray, David Schechter, Holli Semetko, Frank Stout, Emily Takieddine, Joseph Tipograph, Andy Wilson.

Guests: Saralyn Chestnut, Jennifer Crabb [Transforming Community]

I. Welcome – University Senate President Michael Rogers

University Senate President Michael Rogers called the meeting to order at 3:06pm on October 25, 2005. President Rogers welcomed the Senate and reminded everyone that this meeting was starting early to accommodate the State of the University Address. The next meeting would return to the Woodruff Library, Jones Room and the start time would be 3:15pm. There was also a reminder that everyone should have received the email announcement regarding Honorary Degree Nominations. The nominations are due December 5, 2005.

II. President Rogers recommended changes to the minutes as follows:

Under the section titled *Remarks by V.P. for IT and CIO Rich Mendola* the following sentence should read He also plans to evaluate the potential merger of [replace: create one help desk instead of] the current two systems (7-7777 and 8-8888).

Under the section titled *Remarks by President Wagner* the following changes should be made:

President Wagner announced that this year Emory [replace he] has a full cabinet of senior executives; [Insert: Two floors of] The Turman Student Residence would need to be closed due to a problem with moisture [replace: mold]; While this is a major inconvenience for the students it is the right thing to do given the roof damage and [insert: potential] mold issues; The university has negotiated an agreement with Marriott and [insert: Emory] will provide shuttle service for those

students; The Senate agreed at the next meeting to discuss with the President best practices in each of the Senators' [replace Senates] representation areas.

III. Communicating with Constituents – President Rogers

Senate President Rogers opened the floor for discussion in response to President Wagner's challenge at the September meeting to discuss the way in which Senate representatives communicate with their constituents. Representatives discussed the unique organizational structures and the different modes of communication within each area. There sometimes is debate as to which representative in each is going to disseminate the information so as not to duplicate. There was also concern that email as the primary mode may be deleted and it would be nice to have a more personal outreach. It was queried whether the Senate meetings could be broadcast on Emory cable television. Further, it was suggested that the feedback from the Senate needs to be more systematic. It was recommended that annually at each School's Faculty Meeting there could be reserved time to introduce the Senate Representatives. The Business School reported that they had a very organized distribution of Senate information both via email and in person. The Students and Emeritus Faculty reported that they also had clear avenues to communicate with their constituents.

There was some concern that often the avenues are there for communication but the Senate Representatives could use some assistance in putting the content together. The Emory Report provides an excellent synopsis but not everyone reads it. It also captures the business of the Senate and provides the information but it is not a two way communication. It was recommended that the Emory Report piece by Michael Terrazas be forwarded to all Senate Representatives for email distribution to their constituents. President Wagner recommended that we continue to visit this discussion as new items are brought to the Senate. The first opportunity will likely be when the Honorary Degree nominations are submitted.

IV. Remarks by Provost Earl Lewis

Provost Lewis said that the National Research Council and the National Academy of Sciences have created a committee to assess doctoral programs. Emory will have a representative on that committee. He reported that there have been discussions about ranking the PhD programs. However, he said that the committee would work to create methodologies so that this was not a reputational ranking. He also stressed that this would be a way to showcase Emory and that it is an exciting opportunity for us.

Provost Lewis also reported that the Faculty Council is looking at the many ways we define faculty on the Emory campus this year. Lastly, Dean searches are ongoing for the Graduate School, Law School and Candler as well as a new Director of the Library.

V. Transforming Community Project (TCP) by Dr. Leslie Harris and Vice-President Gary Hauk

Dr. Harris reported that the Transforming Community Project is a five year initiative designed to study campus race relations. The project implemented community dialogue groups this fall that are reading Emory History, watching short films and discussing issues of race. There are currently 3 groups on main campus and 1 group at Oxford. The next phase will be to begin collecting history. Anyone on the campus can contribute to the project. Gary Hauk talked about the connection to the University's Strategic Plan and tying this project into our curriculum could be an engine for change. Several community dialog participants discussed their own experiences within these groups. They stressed that this is an opportunity to celebrate similarities and to bring the Emory community closer together on all levels not just intellectually.

VI. Hearing no other business, Senate President Michael Rogers adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Vazquez
Secretary of the University Senate