

**Minutes of the Emory University Senate  
September 25, 2007  
Woodruff Jones Room**

**Attended:** Akshat Agrawal, Emily Allen, Peter Barnes, Kathleen Brennan, Colin Bragg, William Buzbee, Ronald Calabrese, Ken Carter, Vincent Carter, Susan Cruse, Steven Culler, Matt Engelhardt, Martha Fagan, Gary Hauk, Peter Hoeyng, Nadine Kaslow, Lauren Kent-Delaney, Joyce King, Linda King, Shauna Leven, Earl Lewis, Jessica Lowy, Rick Luce, Zwade Marshall, Meg McDermott, Richard Mendola, Mary Messarra-Redman, Shehzad Mian, Barret Michaelec, Iruka Ndubuizu, Carol Newsom, Marilyn Pahr, Jane DiFolco Parker, Joyce Piatt, Virginia Plummer, Kaitlin Porter, Susan Ratliff, Salvador Rizzo, Vivek Salgaocar, Ron Sauder, Cynthia Shaw, Magda Sossa, Sidney Stein, Ora Strickland, Betsy Tanner, Lisa Tedesco, James Wagner

**Excused:** Christopher Beck, Sarah Berga, Leigh Boghossian, Allison Dykes, Elizabeth Farrar, Tom Frank, Carol Hogue, Dierdra Reber, Douglas Unfug, Judith Shema

**Absent:** Kent Alexander, Daniel Berger, Ken Brigham, Patricia Brennan, Mary Cahill, Susan Carini, Arlene Chapman, Jennifer Crabb, Bob Ethridge, John Ford, Jan Gleason, Ozzie Harris, Robert Hascall, Phil Hills, Una Hutton Newman, Charlotte Johnson, Ronnie Jowers, Jeffrey Koplun, Ray Kotwicki, Nina Long, Dan Macaluso, Rosemary Magee, Eleanor Main, Michael Mandl, Bill McBride, Ivan Mihailov, Ken Minnemann, Edith Murphree, Lynn Nester, Santa J. Ono, Matthew Poliner, Jonathan Prude, Barry Ryan, Fred Sanfilippo, Holli Semetko, Linda Sheldon, Jacob Shreckengost, Robert Stephenson, Claire Sterk, Emily Takieddine, Maria Town, Kim Urquhart, Sharon Weiss, David Wynes, Bridgette Young

**Guest:** Tim Bryson

**I. Welcome, Introductions and Retreat Planning**

University Senate President, Nadine Kaslow, and President-Elect Steve Culler, called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm by welcoming attendees to the 2007-2008 University Senate meeting.

President Kaslow mentioned the Executive Committee's plan for a retreat at the next Senate meeting and ideas for how the retreat should look and function. The retreat would be an opportunity for members to brainstorm about how we want the Senate to look and function, define the Senate's role and any initiatives we would like to have for this year.

President Kaslow also asked for general agenda items as the meeting agendas for this year will consist of the standard agenda as well as any initiatives outlined. The purpose for the agenda change is to become more actively engaged in the community.

Attendees at the Senate meeting were all given an opportunity to introduce themselves.

University President Wagner welcomed everyone to this session of the University Senate. He stated that over recent years, we have tried to build an effective university senate, so we need to have some discussion and continuing emphasis on what it means to be a body of the University and what it means to be senators. President Wagner mentioned the importance of having some discussion around what it means as individual representatives to have an opportunity to participate in the Senate, take that information back to your constituency and how we can help you do the reverse – take information from your constituents and present it at the Senate. President Wagner challenged each senator to pick something that is actually an opportunity, something that you'd make your own rather than simply responding to someone's trouble of the day, something you can contribute during this term. Welcome and thank you all for your willingness to participate.

President Kaslow asked senators for suggestions on the kinds of things they would like to see covered or would like to hear about this year. The list includes:

- Environment, transportation and energy use – what we are doing to promote reasonable traffic flow around the university
- Address work-life issues, specifically recruitment of faculty with talented spouse or dual recruitment
- Mail services
- Alternate transportation and expanded shuttle service to neighborhoods around Emory

To answer a question as to which committee does what, President Kaslow responded by saying that the University Senate is comprised of representatives of the Faculty Council, Employee Council, Student Government Associations, three President Commissions, Alumni and Subcommittee Chairs. The University Senate is the most representative body and discusses things that are relevant to all; faculty, staff and students.

## **II. Approval of April 2007 Minutes**

The minutes were approved as distributed.

## **III. Confirmation of Senate Committee Rosters**

### Athletics and Recreations Committee - Betsy Tanner, Co-Chair

The University has a new athletic director, Timothy Downs, and we think he will be quite an asset to the University and Campus Life.

### Campus Development - Joyce Piatt, Chair

The Committee continues to review information for site development and what it means to be a “lead” campus.

Campus Life - Cynthia Shaw, Chair

Committee continues to review the impact of service on the undergraduate community – part of the longitudinal study of class of 2008.

Environmental Policy – Chris Beck, Chair

No report

Fringe Benefits - Sid Stein, Chair

Committee continues the review of the retirement structure and the benefits program that accompanies it.

Honorary Degrees - Carol Hogue, Chair

Committee is working to obtain nominations for honorary degrees.

Library Policy - Rick Luce

Had first meeting of this term and has an aggressive agenda. Jonathan Prude will report with items the committee will take up over next 1-2 years.

Transportation and Parking - Linda King, Chair

The first meeting of this subcommittee is scheduled next week.

Safety and Security - Virginia Plummer, Chair

Committee had their first meeting yesterday. Goals include the issue of reducing under age and high risk drinking on campus and educating faculty, students and community of positive aspects around alcohol prevention. One third of the Committee’s members are students, from both graduate and undergraduate schools.

The committee rosters were approved as submitted.

**IV. Benefits – Michael Huey**

Michael Huey, Executive Director of Student Health and Counseling Services, discussed the student health insurance plan and the mandatory health insurance policy for all students. In 2006, the Board of Trustees approved a mandatory insurance policy for all students, including degree seeking students and international students.

The plan was built to be a quality plan for students and reviewed by the Student Health Advisory Committee. The waiver criteria are significantly below the coverage of the Emory plan and it was not the intention of the University to force students onto the Emory plan.

The waiver has a basic level of insurance and was designed to provide for students in case of illness so that they can return to their studies. The criteria states that the insurance plan must work in Atlanta, has an annual individual deductible of \$25,000, and the insurance company must be domicile in the U.S. so students can be guaranteed coverage.

Michael will work with Shauna Leven, the Graduate Council president, to coordinate a presentation for graduate students.

**V. Open Enrollment – Peter Barnes**

Peter Barnes presented a brief overview of the 2008 changes to health insurance plans, introduced the new brand label, “Take Care,” the new Aetna Health Fund medical plan, and the open enrollment dates. More discussion will follow regarding catastrophic illness coverage.

**VI. “Save ~~Aa~~ Life” ~~Program Partnership~~ Partnership Program Update - Louis Simmons and Rich Horlacher**

Last year, Emory University and Emory Health~~care~~~~Care~~ came together with the American Red Cross to develop and promote the “Save ~~Aa~~ Life” Partnership Program. The goal of the blood drive campaign was to raise 1,500 pints of blood. Over the 2006 – 2007 year, the University held 56 blood drives, collected 1,821 pints of blood, and saved 5,463 lives.

The “Save ~~Aa~~ Life” Partnership Program will kick-off its second year on October 11 and Rich Horlacher will be the program’s coordinator.

**VIII. Meeting adjourned at 4:17 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, University Senate