

**Minutes of the Emory University Senate
November 27, 2007
Woodruff Jones Room**

Attended: Akshat Agrawal, Emily Allen, Peter Barnes, Chris Beck, Kathleen Brennan, Colin Bragg, William Buzbee, Ronald Calabrese, Ken Carter, Susan Cruse, Steven Culler, Matt Engelhardt, Martha Fagan, Robert Hascall, Peter Hoeyng, Nadine Kaslow, Lauren Kent-Delaney, Joyce King, Linda King, Earl Lewis, Nina Long, Rick Luce, Zwade Marshall, Bill McBride, Richard Mendola, Shehzad Mian, Barret Michalec, Carol Newsom, Marilyn Pahr, Jane DiFolco Parker, Santa Ono, Joyce Piatt, Jonathan Prude, Susan Ratliff, Ron Sauder, Linda Sheldon, Judith Shema, Jacob Shreckengost, Magda Sossa, Sidney Stein, Betsy Tanner, Lisa Tedesco, Douglas Unfug

Excused: Patricia Brennan, Kenneth Brigham, Arlene Chapman, Allison Dykes, Elizabeth Farrar, Thomas Frank, Carol Hogue, Shauna Leven, Mary Messarra-Redman, Virginia Plummer

Absent: Kent Alexander, Sarah Berga, Daniel Berger, Leigh Boghossian, Mary Cahill, Susan Carini, Vincent Carter, Jennifer Crabb, Monica Donohue, Bob Ethridge, John Ford, Jan Gleason, Ozzie Harris, Gary Hauk, Phil Hills, Una Hutton Newman, Roland Ingram, Charlotte Johnson, Ronnie Jowers, Jeffrey Koplun, Ray Kotwicki, Jessica Lowy, Dan Macaluso, Rosemary Magee, Eleanor Main, Michael Mandl, Meg McDermott, Ivan Mihailov, Kenneth Minneman, Edith Murphree, Iruka Ndubuizu, Lynn Nester, Matthew Poliner, Kaitlin Porter, Dierdra Reber, Melody Rhine, Salvador Rizzo, Barry Ryan, Vivek Salgaocar, Fred Sanfillippo, Holli Semetko, Cynthia Shaw, Robert Stephenson, Claire Sterk, Ora Strickland, Emily Takeddine, Maria Town, Kim Urquhart, James Wagner, Sharon Weiss, David Wynes, Bridgette Young

Guest: Beverley Cormican, Elizabeth Elkins, David Hanson

I. Welcome

University Senate President, Nadine Kaslow, called the meeting to order at 3:18 pm by welcoming the attendees to the University Senate meeting.

II. Approval of the October 2007 Minutes

The minutes were approved as distributed.

III. Announcement

The Emory Report has agreed to provide monthly coverage after every University Senate, Faculty Council and Employee Council meeting in an effort to improve communications.

IV. Update on Grady

Emory and Morehouse faculty and students did an outstanding job at the rally outside of Grady yesterday at 12:00 noon. It was a well attended, collaborative effort.

The public meeting, which started at 4:00 pm, had to be moved to the Steiner Auditorium due to the large crowd of people in attendance. The resolution to reorganize to a 501(3)(c), with 15 contingencies, received unanimous approval.

Provost Lewis mentioned that it was the first step in a multi-step project. The challenge is how we deal with the issue and be responsible to all members of the community, faculty and staff.

V. Topics for Discussion

Diversity Focus Meeting in January 2008

Kaslow mentioned that the theme for January's Senate meeting is diversity. Although we would like to have each of the diversity-related groups on campus provide an update, it was decided to submit a few questions to a subgroup of them for response. The diversity committees will then be invited to provide the Senate a one-page update to be distributed at the January meeting. The Senate members chose to have the following questions addressed:

- 1) How can the community help your organization?
- 2) For your committee's perspective, what do you envision a diverse community looking like 10 or 12 years from now?
- 3) What are the obstacles to your committee's acceptance and/or success?
- 4) What are the initiatives of your committee?
- 5) How does your committee disseminate its message to the community?
- 6) How are the committees working together?
- 7) What is your committee's definition of diversity?

VI. Community Event Activity Update

The Senate and other groups represented on the University Leaders will be hosting a community event, focused on immigration, in conjunction with the "Classroom on the Quad" in the spring of 2008. The following members volunteered to be Senate representatives for this work group: Emily Allen, Nina Long, Joyce Piatt, and Joyce King.

VII. Safe Space Training

Elizabeth Elkins spoke briefly about the Emory Safe Space Program, which is an initiative to provide people the information they need to be allies and resources for LGBT students, staff, and faculty. Participation requires attending a brief orientation session. Elizabeth was asked and agreed to provide training to all Senate members interested in participating in safe space training before and after the January 2008 meeting.

VIII. Comments from the Provost

Provost Lewis discussed the “Emory in the Community” document that explains the range of activities Emory is engaged in. The booklet and website will be a living document and a way to be reminded and educated on what it means to be a community.

IX. Senate Sustainability Initiative

Ciannat Howett informed the Senate that sustainability is related to quality of life in a community. The program involves activities such as energy use reduction, green building, recycling, and energy and water conservation.

The Senate discussed activities in which it may be possible to partner with the Sustainability Initiatives program, including: recycling, building energy reduction competitions, and putting computers in sleep modes.

A Senate subcommittee will meet and report back at the January 2008 meeting. The subcommittee members are: Ron Calabrese (chair), Marilyn Pahr, Jacob Shreckengost, Robert Hascall, Tim Bryson, Barret Michalec.

X. Graduate Student Housing

David Hanson presented the results of the January 2006 survey on graduate student housing. Undergraduate students will be housed on the core campus and graduate housing will be phased out on the campus and moved to the edge of campus.

Clairmont Campus – transitions 2008 – 2009

Briarcliff Road & Sage Hill Campus – available August 2009, with approximately 400 beds for graduate and professional students only. Concerns were expressed about the construction of this new graduate student housing project not being consistent with the university’s sustainability plan and the fact that Campus Apartments has not made a commitment to achieve Earthcraft Certification. Nadine Kaslow will invite Mike Mandl to address these concerns in a future Senate meeting.

XI. Mail Services Contract

Beverly Cormican mentioned that improving mail services is a top priority. The annual mail services contract was distributed yesterday and feedback from all faculty/staff is requested. The mail service providers will be consolidated starting with the new contract in May 2008.

XII. Construction Website

Bob Hascall informed the Senate that there are currently 63 capital projects in planning stages with 80% of the construction waste being recycled.

The construction website was developed in January and went live in 2007. The website address is www.construction.emory.edu and the website content is provided by the project managers.

Nadine Kaslow expressed the Senate's appreciation to Bob Hascall and his team for responding so thoroughly and in such a timely fashion to the Senate's earlier request for such a website. She noted that this was the type of collaboration that the Senate really appreciated.

XIII. The Senate meeting adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan T. Ratliff
Secretary, University Senate