

April 18, 2017  
Jones Room  
3:15 – 5 PM

# Emory University Senate Meeting Summary

*The University Senate is an essential component of University governance. It is comprised of Emory faculty, staff, and students.*

## President's Call to Action Update

Wendland reviewed President Sterk's charge from February 2017 and reported on the progress of the Working Group. It seeks first to gather information about conversations, activities, forums, and/or events currently going on at Emory, or in the planning stages for the 2017-2018 academic year, in order to avoid duplication of efforts. The group plans to send out a call for fall activities already in the works to the entire Emory Community that meet the criteria of the Call and adheres to the "Emory Statement on Civil Discourse" adopted by the University Senate on March 28, 2017.

## Senate President Closing Remarks

Wendland summarized the highlights of the Senate's discussions and activities in the context of this year's goals to strengthen communication channels between Senate representatives and their constituents and to engage members in shared governance. She summarized the reports and updates presented throughout the year to the Senate regarding activities going on around campus, and she reviewed all the Senate motions and resolutions approved. Finally, she outlined possible challenges for next year, especially how to continue the efforts to strengthen communication and engagement within the Emory University community. She gave a special thank you to Senate Secretary Amy Covington for recording the meeting minutes, and especially to Senate Graduate Assistant Emrah Simsek for his diligent work and extraordinary attention to detail.

## Committee Reports

Committee chairs delivered verbal summaries of their written reports to the Senate for discussion: Advisory Council on Community and Diversity, Dona Yarbrough; Athletics and Recreation, Hope Bussenius and Paul Byrnes; Campus Development, Fiona Riedl; Campus Life, Scott Rausch; Environment, Hiram Maxim; Fringe Benefits, Sid Stein; Governance, Jim Hughes; Library Policy, Ben Konsynski; Open Expression, Sasha Volokh; Prevention of Sexual Violence, Casey Hall (for Jessica Sales); Transportation and Parking, Vanda Hudson and Lisa Underwood. These reports are posted on the Senate Box Folder and may be made available through Senate representatives or the committee chairs. Following his report on the Fringe Benefits Committee, Sid Stein proposed this **SENATE MOTION**: To endorse the Committee's recommendation that the proposal to auto-enroll new-hires be sent back to the Ways and Means Committee for further consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

## Interim Provost Zola's Remarks

Provost Zola briefly addressed the Senate. He thanked Kristin Wendland for her leadership this year, and he said the new Provost would be announced soon. Zola closed the Senate meeting by demonstrating his extraordinary talents as a magician. He used a rope trick to represent the Senate this past year – first united, as he showed one long piece of rope; then struggling with challenges, as he cut the rope in two; and finally resolving those challenges, along with hope of next year under Henry Bayerle's leadership, as he magically joined the pieces together again as one. Bravo Stuart Zola!

The April 18 meeting minutes will be approved at the first Senate meeting in September 2017. For details see the complete [Senate Minutes](#)

