

## **Emory University Senate Meeting SUMMARY**

**Jones Room, Woodruff Library**

**October 25th, 2016**

**3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Oxford College Presentation** The new Dean of Oxford College, Dr. Douglas A. Hicks, addressed the Senate. He outlined the aspirations for Oxford College, its integration with Emory University, and its increased academic profile over the past two years. Oxford College is working with Emory University to provide a seamless four-year academic experience for students. This academic year 27% of the entering Emory University students begin at Oxford College.

**Employee Council Presentation** Employee Council President-Elect Deena Keeler and Past-President Linda Jackson outlined how the Emory Employee Council and its representatives communicate with their constituents and the wider Emory community. Representatives are charged with reaching out to their respective constituents either personally or through email to disseminate the information discussed at the monthly meetings. Emory employees can communicate with the Employee Council through the Hot Topics link on the Employee Council website, and attend the annual Town Hall meeting with senior Emory leadership. The Employee Council represents the perspective of employees to the administration and also promotes community-building programs and activities at Emory.

### **Student Government Association (SGA) and Graduate Student Government Association (GSGA) Presentation**

SGA President Max Zoberman and GSGA President Jared Greenbaum outlined how the respective student government associations communicate with their student bodies and the wider Emory community. Orgsync software, a newly-purchased communication tool, facilitates online communication. SGA also communicates with students through the *Emory Wheel*, the student listserv, and town hall events. Greenbaum summarized how the GSGA communicates with Emory's broad graduate student body through the student listserv, graduate student webpage, and Orgsync informational form. Greenbaum further highlighted the newly-established Graduate Marketing Communication Committees, which sends out informational emails to the divisions. Then, student representatives from Goizueta Business School, Laney Graduate School, Emory Law, School of Medicine, School of Public Health, and Candler School of Theology summarized their various communication media, including email communications, lunchtime meetings with fellow students, and monthly student meetings.

**Office of Diversity and Inclusion Presentation** Associate Vice Provost of Institutional Equity and Inclusion Lynell Cadray outlined the Title IX and Title VII federal policies, along with Judith Panell, Director of Title IX compliance and student coordinator, and Maurice Middleton, Director and compliance officer of Title VII. Panell explained the details of Title IX, which involves sexual misconduct and student respondents, and how it relates to faculty and staff roles in terms of reporting. Middleton explained the details of Title VII, which involves harassment and discrimination, as it relates to faculty and staff roles. Middleton clarified some of the confusion concerning these policies. If the respondent is a faculty or staff member, or a student serving in an employment function, the applicable policy is Title VII.

**Emory Athletics' Presentation** Michael Vienna, Emory's Athletics Director, provided an overview of the various changes happening within the Athletics Department. Vienna spoke about Emory's Division III status and the development of Emory's student athletes based upon academic excellence. Emory's athletics' accomplishments include: 20 national championships, over 180 UAA championships, 900 all-American athletes, over 100 NCAA postgrad scholarships, and 18 varsity sports. Vienna said the four cornerstone principles for the Athletics' Departments strategic plan include student-athlete development; health, safety, welfare; facilities and staffing, and competitive success.

**Senate Committee Timeline Proposal Update** Scott Rausch, Committee Chair for the Campus Life Committee and Director for Residence Life, brought forward a revised proposal from the Senate September meeting to change the Senate committee selection process. **Senate Motion:** *to amend the Senate bylaws to adjust the new committee chair selection dates to February 1<sup>st</sup>; to disseminate the Senate call-for-committee applications on November 1<sup>st</sup> to*

*the Emory community, with a submission deadline of January 15<sup>th</sup>; for Senate committee rosters to be sent to the Senate president by March 1<sup>st</sup> for a full Senate approval during the April Senate meeting. This motion was passed by the voting of Senate members.*

**Class and Labor II Update** Senate president Kristin Wendland reminded the Senate how, following the Class and Labor I report, Class and Labor II was charged by the Provost to address faculty life concerns. This report is now with the Office of the Provost for further action.

**Interim Provost Remarks** Interim Provost Zola addressed the Senate concerning several matters. He reiterated the idea of building bridges with Oxford College, and he mentioned there would be a Class and Labor II presentation to the Board of Trustees of Academic Affairs. Zola also outlined the Undergraduate Initiative. One of the guiding principles is inclusion, and it encompasses the three pieces of composition, excellence, and assessment. Another important component concerns how Emory can connect the graduate and undergraduate academic experiences.