



University Senate

# Senate Summary

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## News from the Emory University Senate

### President's Report

Emory President James Wagner summarized Emory's recent accomplishments, reviewed university strategic priorities, and outlined opportunities that lay ahead for the current academic year during the Sept. 22 Senate meeting. The presentation highlighted accomplishments of the past academic year, including:

- Emory's leadership in caring for the first two patients in the Western Hemisphere to be treated for Ebola;
- A record-breaking number of undergraduate admission applications;
- Among the largest donations of gifts and pledges in one year outside an active fundraising campaign;
- Growth in external research funding to \$572.4 million, the largest in Emory's history;
- Ongoing construction and project completion of a variety of facilities, including the new WaterHub, Raoul Hall, the Atwood Chemistry Center addition and the Rose Library renovation, among others.

For a summary of the entire report, see Kimber William's report, [here](#)

### Committee Reports

A campus climate survey conducted by the Prevention of Sexual Violence Committee and the topic of fringe benefits were among a wide-ranging series of committee reports.

Among committee reports, a presentation on the status of the campus climate survey conducted among Emory students, faculty and staff earlier this year drew the most discussion. Co-chair Jessica McDermott Sales, associate professor at Rollins School of Public Health, reported that the survey data is being analyzed. In other reports, Fringe Benefits Committee Chair Sidney Stein, professor of hematology, said that a poll taken in April 2015 asking University Senate members to rank potential future benefits indicated the following priority rankings: (1) retirement plan auto-enrollment; (2) emergency back-up care for employees with a sick child or dependent; (3) six weeks paid parental leave for either spouse; (4) enhanced tuition reimbursement.

Other Committee Reports included: Campus Life, Diversity, Honorary Degrees, Transportation and Parking, Campus Development, Environment, and Governance.

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