



University Senate

Senate Summary

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Committee for Prevention of Sexual Violence Report.

Jessica Sales, Kathleen Krause, and Jessica Hill provided the findings and recommendations of the Student Campus Climate Survey. Sales indicated the summary report and survey questions have been posted to the Provost's website, and this information will be used for additional analysis to better understand specific group experiences to inform prevention initiatives. The results of the faculty and staff climate survey will be available in Spring 2016.

The Committee's recommendations as a result of the survey include enhancing and increasing visibility of Emory's existing prevention strategies, including Title IX, The Respect Program, physiological and counseling services, to ensure they can respond to the continuum of sexual violence experiences. In addition, the Committee recommends exploring how Emory can enhance existing sexual misconduct processes, procedures, and resources to better meet the needs of students, including bystander intervention programming and multilevel prevention strategies, to address the intersection of alcohol and drug use and sexual violence.

Other Committee Reports

Fringe Benefits' Committee

Dr. Sid Stein, Chair of the Fringe Benefits' Committee, addressed the Senate regarding the work of the Committee related to health care benefits, how Emory will define family, and what constitutes a family in light of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision that same sex couples are legally able to marry. Emory Human Resources asked the Fringe Benefits' Committee to reexamine and advise how Emory should move forward with the same sex domestic partner benefit.

Emory Employee Council

Linda Jackson, President of the Emory Employee Council addressed the Senate about the "Together Our Purposed Destination" 2015-2016 Employee Council theme. The Council is celebrating 45 years of service, with the continued effort to disseminate information to our colleagues and create a positive atmosphere to promote change within the Emory community.

Library Policy Committee Update

Dr. Benn Konsynski, Chair of the Library Policy Committee, outlined the various library projects in particular the Library Service Center, which is due to be completed on October 30, 2015 in cooperation with Georgia Tech. Konsynski also mentioned the Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library; the naming ceremony was on 1 October 2015, with a completion date of August 2015.

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