



**Emory University Senate**

**Zoom Meeting**

**Date: 3/23/21**

**3:00-4:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Christa Acampora, Caroline Barry, John Bence, Mikko Biana, Doug Bowman, Corey Broman-Fulks, Danielle Bruce-Steele, Hope Bussenius, Lynell Cadray, Erin Cahill, Kathy Campbell, Amy Chen, Desireé Clement, Yolanda Cooper, Rkia Cornell, Alicia DeNicola, Tramaine Dowell, Michael Epstein, Gregory Fenves, Ron Foust, Dawn Francis-Chewning, Cynetta Freeman, Stacey Gall, Nitika Gupta, Shannon Hamrick, Carol Henderson, Curtis Henry, Tim Holbrook, Tavi Ioachimescu, Carrie Keogh, Laura Kimble, Del King, Benn Konsynski, Frederica Lamar, Steven L'Hernault, Eleanor Liu, Jan Love, Donna Maney, Jill Marie Martin, Christopher Martin, Marilynne McKay, Rich Mendola, Melissa Morgan, Giacomo Negro, Lynne Nygaard, Oswald Omole, Rob O'Reilly, Daphne Orr, Vanda Palmer Hudson, Rafael Pardo, Jonathan Poole, Allegra Porter, Bridget Riordan, Kaye-Ann Sadler, Ani Satz, Jack Scott, Pamela Scully, Steve Sencer, Kendall Soulen, Rachele Spell, Lori Steffel, Sidney Stein, Trish Sudlow, Anjulet Tucker, Alexander Volokh, Shana Ware

**I. Welcome and Consent Agenda** *Giacomo Negro, President of University Senate*

Donna Maney moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Rachele Spell; the motion carried.

**II. Candidate Statements for University Senate Election**

The 2021-2022 candidates for the University Senate President-Elect and Secretary, Alicia DeNicola and Shana Ware, respectively, gave statements prior to the vote. Both candidates ran unopposed. Alicia DeNicola was unanimously voted as President-Elect role, and Shana Ware was unanimously voted as Secretary.

**III. Prevention of Sexual Violence Senate Committee Report, Shana Ware, Committee Chair**

The committee has created sub-committees to accomplish specific goals. The sub-committees are: Student Led Initiatives, Marketing and Communications, Atlanta Campus Prevention of Sexual Violence, and the Campus Climate Recommendation Group.

Strategic planning for the Committee consists of increasing sub-committee visibility, creating leadership development opportunities within the committee structure, and educating Emory and the broader community about the prevention of sexual violence. An email account for the Committee is being created for new social media accounts for the group.

Selected Committee highlights include improving student involvement in the work of the Committee, focusing on recommendations that came out of the 2016 and 2018 Campus Climate Surveys, supporting the Atlanta Campus Coalition, building social media platforms to engage the campus community, potentially creating a podcast, and developing intentional sub-committee marketing strategies targeted at specific audiences.

The Committee is reviewing the curriculum for sexual harassment training, benchmarking against other institutions, and piloting a program to gain feedback from community stakeholders. A collaboration with the Action Partner Network through the National Academy of Sciences and Medicine is being developed.

**IV. Environment Committee Report, Carolyn Keogh, Committee Chair**

The mission of the Committee is to develop specific recommendations of action for the University Senate related to environmental concerns. Twenty-six members make up the committee, many of



whom are students. The work of the past year included hearing presentations about capital projects on campus, learning about invasive species in campus forest ecosystems, maintaining partnerships with the Office of Sustainability Initiatives, and hearing presentations from student-led environmental groups.

A forest management planning sub-committee was formed within the group to create a comprehensive and strategic plan for protecting campus ecosystems.

Work along the South Fork of Peachtree Creek in Hahn Woods was reviewed by the Committee, including walking the site with key collaborators after reports of negligence by county contractors.

V. **Update on Undergraduate Affairs, Pamela Scully, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs**

Student success, retention, graduation, and ongoing collaborative work are the main foci of the Office of Undergraduate Affairs.

Taking a holistic approach to education (inside and outside of the classroom) will ensure timely graduation of students. While there is a lot to be proud of in the undergraduate space there is a need to focus on retention and graduation, as there is a high transfer rate after Freshman year. Surveys from students show that satisfaction with Emory drops after the first year is completed.

Having more matriculating students graduate requires greater University intervention. Equity for all students is a challenge for all universities and does not have an easy solution, though working towards one is a high priority.

VI. **Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm.