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UNIVERSITY SENATE – YEAR IN REVIEW

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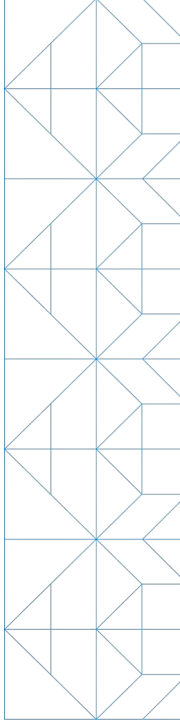
## Organization:

The University Senate (US) is a component of University governance:

- Elected and appointed members are included;
- Students, staff and faculty from each unit are represented;
- Alumni and academic deans are represented;
- Ex-officio members include executive leadership of the University.



## US Functions:

- Considers and makes recommendations regarding all matters of general university interest;
  - Reviews new policies and changes to existing policies;
  - Submits recommendations to the President on any matter affecting the interests of the University;
  - Makes recommendations regarding honorary degree recipients.
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## University Senate (US) Membership

### Voting members (63\*-65):

- Elective members of the US (43\*-44)
- Ex-officio members of US leadership:
  - EC of the US (10)
  - Chairpersons of the US Standing Committees (10\*-11)

### Non-Voting Members:

- *Administration ex officio members:*  
President, Executive Vice Presidents,  
Senior Vice Presidents, Provost, Senior  
Vice Provosts, and Secretary of the  
University.

\*accounting function overlaps

## University Senate – Executive Committee:

- Octavian ('Tavi') Ioachimescu (President, School of Medicine)
- Giacomo Negro (Immediate Past-President, Goizueta Business School)
- Alicia DeNicola (President-Elect, Oxford College, Anthropology)
- Shana M. Ware (Senate Secretary, Director - Office of Respect)
- Emmakristina Sveen (President, GSGA)
- Rachel Ding (President, SGA)
- Roxanne Chou (President, Oxford SGA)
- TBD (Emory Post-Doc Association)
- Dawn Francis-Chewning (President of Employee Council)
- Melissa Morgan (Past-President of Employee Council)
- Katrina Shafer (President-Elect of Employee Council)



Shuang ('Grace') Goh (Administrative Assistant)



# Organization: US Standing Committees (Chairs)

0. Executive Committee (Octavian 'Tavi' Ioachimescu)
1. Athletics and Recreation (Kathleen Campbell)
2. Campus Development (Walter Kolis)
3. Campus Life (Bridget Guernsey Riordan)
4. Environment (Carolyn 'Carrie' Keogh)
5. Fringe Benefits (Sidney F. Stein)
6. Governance (Giacomo Negro)
7. Honorary Degrees (Kathryn Wood)
8. Library Policy (Benn Konsynski)
9. Open Expression (Sasha Volokh)
10. Prevention of Sexual Violence (Shana Ware)
11. Transportation and Parking (Stacey Gall & Lisa Underwood)



## Organization: Current US Special Committees, Working Groups, Task Forces (Chairs)

1. Dependent Care Working Group (Wilbur Lam & Amy Chen)
2. Post-Doctoral Association Representation Working Group (Tavi Ioachimescu)

# Meetings



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## Conduct of US Meetings

- Elected and non-Administration ex-officio members are voting members.
- Quorum is represented by a simple majority of the voting membership.
- Generally, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month Sep-Apr (except Dec);
- 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 pm;
- By Zoom X6; Hybrid X1; F2F X1.



## Busy Summer and Fall of 2021

- Mitigation plans and updates on COVID-19 pandemic;
- Consulting and check-ins with University leadership;
- Working group on inclusion of Post-Doc Association into the Senate – communications and meetings;
- Planning report presentations;
- Strengthening connections with other governance bodies (e.g., ECAS Faculty Senate);
- Listening sessions.

# 2021 - 2022 Agenda & Topics



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## Main Topics 2021-2022

- COVID-19 Pandemic:
  - Academic Life (teaching, research, service)
  - Operational Issues
  - Economic, Financial impact (individual, academic unit, university)
- Justice, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion – DEI Roundtable Discussion (Giacomo Negro, Tim Holbrook, Carol Henderson)
- Towards Faculty Eminence, Engagement;
- Master Planning;
- **Wellness and Wellbeing; Avoiding Burnout and Building Resilience.**



## Amendments to University Senate By-Laws – Summary:

### Amendment 1:

- i. Inclusion of one (1) elected member from Emory University Post-Doctoral Association (EUPDA) in category C of general membership (2-year term);
- ii. Inclusion of the Chair of the EUPDA in the US Executive Committee (as a voting ex-officio member);

### Amendment 2:

Clarification that the Senate Secretary is a voting ex-officio member of the US.

## Meetings 2021-2022:

- Reports from Ex-Officio Administration Officers: President Fenves X2, Provost Bellamkonda X2, Vice Provost Holbrook X2, Deputy Provost Acampora X2, VP Milazzo X2, VP Master Planning Morey and Payne X2, VP COVID-19 Response St Clair X2, AVP Research Nobles X1, Vice Provost Scully X1, Dean LGS Arriola X1, VP Finance Bonifield and White X1;
- Search Committee Report (by Dean M. Elliott) recruitment Vice Provost for Libraries and Museum (Dr. Valeda Dent);
- WHSC Executive VP Search Advisory Committee - Listening session with President Fenves;
- Campus Safety and Preparedness Report (Sam Shartar and Chief Cheryl Elliott);
- DEI Roundtable Discussion; Employee Council and Student Organizations' Reports;
- Committee Reports; New Officer Elections;
- Wellness and Wellbeing session: Mental Health Leadership Council;
- And yes, Senate President's Reflections.



## Thanks and Acknowledgements:

- Giacomo Negro; Alicia DeNicola
- Dawn Francis-Chewning; Melissa Morgan; Katrina Shafer (Employee Council)
- Emmakristina Sveen; Rachel Ding; Roxanne Chou (Student representatives)
- Greg Fenves
- Ravi Bellamkonda
- Christa Acampora; Tim Holbrook
- Jonathan Poole
- Jonathan Layne
- Shana Ware; Committee chairs\*
- Emily Fisher, Hope Laman;
- Melissa Daly, Nick Everage;
- Darlene Berry, Cathy Telfer;
- Laura Perry-Bates, Brenda Huffman, Alison Agnew & Allison Dykes;
- Shana Ware
- Grace Goh



## Recognition: Dr. Sid Stein

- 42 years on the US Fringe Benefits Committee
- 40 years as Chair of the US Fringe Benefits Committee

Thank You!





## University Senate President's Reflections – Disclaimer:

- *I apologize if you saw these monologues as waste of time, inappropriate or abuse of pulpit power.*
- *What I really intended with these reflections: to frame the conversation, to motivate, and to inspire you to use the brain power, the energy and the amazing expertise around us, to become better as individuals and as an organization overall.*
- *I apologize if you saw this otherwise, and I maintain the hope that at least a grain of what was said left you with the desire to explore further ways to do good, to become more collaborative, to be better leaders or to motivate other members of our community.*

## Goals:

1. To recalibrate between various generations of leaders about roles, goals, expectations and tools available to the US;
2. To explore together any shifts or drifts over time in shared governance, both at Emory and in the wider academic community;
3. To use your opinions, leadership experience and wisdom acquired in these roles in shaping the future of shared governance at Emory;
4. To help future leaders of the US (e.g., Alicia DeNicola, US President-Elect) improve our contributions and impact in this field.

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## Leadership 1990 - Present

### Senate Presidents/Faculty Council Chairs

Name	School	Term
Octavian Ioachimescu	School of Medicine	2021 - 2022
Giacomo Negro	Goizueta Business School	2020 - 2021
Ani Satz	School of Law	2019 - 2020
Jason Schneider	School of Medecine	2018 - 2019
Henry Bayerle	Oxford College	2017 - 2018
Kristin Wendland	Emory College	2016 - 2017
Jaffar Khan	School of Medicine	2015 - 2016
Kathryn Yount	School of Public Health	2014 - 2015
Debra Houry	School of Medicine	2013 - 2014
Gray Crouse	Emory College	2012 - 2013
Erica Brownfield	School of Medicine	2011 - 2012
Steve Everett	Emory College	2010 - 2011
Ken Carter	Oxford College	2009 - 2010
Steve Kuller	School of Public Health	2008 - 2009
Nadine Kaslow	School of Medicine	2007 - 2008
Thomas Frank	School of Theology	2006 - 2007
Michael Rogers	Oxford College	2005 - 2006
Sharon Strocchia	Emory College	2004 - 2005
John Snarey	School of Theology	2003 - 2004
William Branch	School of Medicine	2002 - 2003
Frank Vandall	School of Law	2001 - 2002