



Emory University Senate Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2022

3:00-5:00 p.m. | Jones Room

Attendees: Alicia DeNicola, Octavian Ioachimescu, Grace Goh, Jonathan Poole, Eric Abrams, Ravi Bellamkonda, Lot Bercasio, Adam Crisp, Sarah Dobbs, Rebecca Ellis, Daniele Fallin, Dawn Francis-Chewning, Roberto Franzosi, Stacey Gall, Minnie Glymph, Carol Henderson, Curtis Henry, Tim Holbrook, Nikki Hurtado, Lori Jahnke, Orion Jones, Carolyn Keogh, Del King, Benn Konsynski, Michelle Lampl, Shervon Lewis, Lanny Liebeskind, Babak Mahmoudi, Noah Marchuck, Joy McDougall, Madi Oliver, Erkin Ozel, Cyen Peterkin, Florian Pohl, Bridget Riordan, Sam Schmuell, Katrina Shafer, George Shepherd, Aditi Vellore, Andrew Yang, Kate Yeager, Holly York, David Payne, Robin Morey

Excused Absences: Nitika Gupta, Walter Kolis, Noelle McAfee.

Unexcused Absences: Amy Chen, Faith Cheplick, Raphael Coleman, Erin Bonning, Richard Castillo, Lily Dresner, April Flint, Kelly Garner Shannon, Lauren Gay, Wendy Gill, Jodie Guest, Joy Hearn, Scotty Jenkins, Margot Merwin, Kathrine Morris, Ilya Nemenman, Modele Ogunniyi, Siva Prasad Kalimuthu, Susan Ray, Ganesh Satyanarayana, Stephanie Schorsch, Alyssa Stegall, Lisa Underwood, Kathryn Wood,

I. Welcome and Approval of Consent Agenda, *Alicia DeNicola, University Senate President*

Dr. Octavian Ioachimescu moved to approve the consent agenda; Dr. Benn Konsynski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

II. Provost's Update, *Ravi Bellamkonda, Provost*

Provost Bellamkonda shared with the Senate some key highlights from this past year. They fall into 4 categories: Strong Schools (What do we want to be known for? financial strength, student experience, academic program development); Signature, Distinctively Emory Initiatives (AI.Humanity and student flourishing); People (recruiting leaders and game changer faculty, implementing policies for faculty success); and Operational Excellence (budgets and forecasting, RAS, marketing and communication, admissions philosophy). Priorities for 2022-2023 are Strong Schools, Student Flourishing, and Operational Excellence. Of the 43 AI.Humanity candidates evaluated, 31 offers were sent out, and there have been 16 acceptances so far. Another signature initiative is a program to identify and support research proposals on social justice and socially-engaged arts. Student flourishing is focused on 4 major areas: Academic Experience, Professional Pathways, Purpose and Meaning, and Community and Well-being.

Questions from the floor:

- 1) You focus primarily on undergraduate student flourishing, even though the makeup of the student body is 50:50 undergrad and graduate students. What about graduate and professional students?
 - a) I can't do everything, so I'm actively championing the undergrad piece, but wholeheartedly supporting efforts by others like Kim Arriola who are doing good work in these other areas, including those working on staff and faculty flourishing as well.

III. Report from the Office of Planning and Engagement, *David Payne and Robin Morey*

Mr. Morey gave an overview of ongoing projects that line up with university priorities, including Pathways Center Planning and Cox Hall Student Affinity Space (Student Flourishing), HSRB 2 (Research and Innovation), R. Randall



Rollins (Academic Excellence), and ongoing space planning for AI.Humanity. He also gave brief updates on the Executive Park and the Graduate Student Housing projects. The widening of Haygood Drive is planned to take place in mid-November.

Mr. Payne briefed the Senate on the Briarcliff Campus Senior Living Community, to be built and operated by third-party developer CORSO Druid Hills. The plan is to build and operate 500 units, including independent living, assisted living, and continuing care. Current buildings on the Briarcliff property include a historic mansion in very bad shape, abandoned mental hospital, and the Library Service Center. We are saving about 10 acres for LSC Phase 2 and other future uses. He also briefed the Senate on Midtown properties: Emory secured 477 Peachtree St., and is partnering with Central Atlanta Progress for streetscape and bike lanes on Courtland Ave. Emory is also partnering with Midtown Alliance on their Artists in Residence program. Lastly, Mr. Morey gave an update on MARTA's Clifton Corridor Transit Initiative, the use of CSX Corridor and Bus Rapid Transit vs. Light Rail.

Questions from the floor

- 1) AI.Humanity space planning?
 - a. Highly coordinated with Provost's Office but no plans that are ready to be announced yet.
- 2) Timeline of Graduate Student Housing
 - a. Summer of 2024 begin occupancy, completion in May/April, fully operational by Fall 2024.
- 3) Is the Executive Park development also contracted out to a third party developer? How are you ensuring compliance with Emory's commitments to sustainability?
 - a. They are reasonably in compliance, and we are trying to push them to meet higher standards.
- 4) Think forward and ahead for multifamily homes for graduate students?
 - a. Based on our survey results, there hasn't been a great need expressed. But there are some units available in the new Graduate Student Housing.

IV. Networking and Conversation: *Brainstorming Title IX questions for next month*

Dr. DeNicola also invited Senate members to break into small groups and network with members from other departments and units. She also asked the groups to brainstorm and identify questions that can be sent to the Office of Title IX for their presentation next month. Topics include:

- What do you know about Title IX?
- What do you want to know about Title IX?
- What are the problems/issues/questions that you want to be addressed?
- What is the scope? Difference between class and labor etc.
- Full list of questions [here](#)

V. Executive Session

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.