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University Senate

Emory University Senate
Minutes April 23, 2024
3:00 – 5:00 pm EDT [Zoom](#)

Attendees

Abbey Julian	JaMor Hairston	Neeti Patel
Abigail Sepich	Jenna Daniel	Nitika Gupta
Alicia DeNicola	Jessica Davis	Noelle McAfee
Alistair Erskine MD MBA	Jodie Guest	Paul Byrnes
Allison Dykes	John Ellis	Paul Marthers
Amy Adelman	Jonathan Poole	Pearl Dowe
Amy Y. Chen	Josh Kaufmann	Pearl K. Dowe
Andrea Casson Galiano	Joy McDougall	Pranay Mamileti
Andrew Sherrill	Justin Abraham	Ravi V Bellamkonda
Anjulet Tucker	Kathryn Wood	Roberto Franzosi
April Edward	Keiko Price	Robin Morey
April Flint	Khegan Meyers	Sarah Dobbs
Benn Konsynski	Kimber Williams	Saumya Mukhopadhyay
Cameron Taylor	Kristina Bethea Odejimi	Shervon Lewis
Danielle M Miller	Kurt Warncke	Sophia Hartzell
David Borthwick	Lanny Liebeskind	Spencer Friedland
David C Payne	Lauren Gay	Stacey Gall
Dawn Francis-Chewning	Lisa V Parker	Susan Bonifield
Erica Bruchko	Liz Carlino	Susan Ray
Florian Pohl	Luke Anderson	Theresa Milazzo
Gareth James	Matt Kivel	Toluwanimi Olaleye
George Shepherd	Matt Mattson	Toni Thomas
Grace Tierney	Michael Martin	Tracy Dang
Gregory Fenves	Michelle Lampl	Valeda Dent
Holly York	Minnie Glymph	Walter Kolis
Ian Krout	Modele Ogunniyi	
Ilya Nemenman	Mustapha Oloko-Oba	

Meeting Summary:

Meeting moved to zoom due to the closure of Convocation Hall

The University Senate discussed the role of the Senate in representing the community's interests and making recommendations on policies that affect them. Dr. Alistair Erskine shared his experience as a Chief Information and Digital Officer at Emory Healthcare and Vice President for Digital Health at Emory University, highlighting the importance of digital transformation in improving lives and providing hope to people. Speakers also discussed various initiatives aimed at promoting inclusivity and respect on Emory University's campus, including the Culture of Respect program and the Athletics and Recreation Committee. Finally, the Senate discussed the need to revise university policies to promote inclusivity and transparency, with proposals for a Compliance Committee to review and consider new policies. Noelle McAfee was voted in as President Elect. Walter Kolis was elected Senate Secretary

I. **Welcome, Approval of Consent Agenda, minutes,** University Senate President Nitika Gupta

Dr. Gupta reflected on the year and a time for celebration, graduation, new beginnings. Reflecting on Lost and Found. And taking the time to take screenshots of the group. Motion to approve the agenda by DFC, seconded by Benn. Votes in Zoom chat. A reminder that committee rosters will be approved after this meeting.

II. **Digital Officer Updates,** Dr. Alistair Erskine Chief Information and Digital Officer, Emory Healthcare, Vice President for Digital Health, Emory University

Dr. Erskine's PowerPoint, **Emory Digital Transformation, Digital Experiences, Emory Digital Strategy and Vision April 2024** is available on [SharePoint](#).

III. **Committee Reports: Prevention of Sexual Violence,** Chair, Josh Kaufmann, **Athletics and Recreation,** Chair, April Flint, **Environment,** Chair, Michael Martin, **Campus Life,** Chair, Paul Marthers

Committee reports are available on [SharePoint](#).

IV. **Proposal for Enhanced Transparency in Emory University Policymaking,** President, Graduate Student Government Association, Neeti Patel

Neeti's proposals focused on a call for enhanced transparency in Emory University policymaking. She did not submit any materials. Committee discusses proposal to address university's use of regulations to stifle speech.

V. **CFOE Reports Voting Results,** University Senate President, Nitika Gupta

Dr. Gupta presented the CFOE Reports Voting Results. Here is [a link](#) to the presentation

VI. Election for President Elect and Secretary, University Senate President Nitika Gupta

Noelle McAfee was voted in as President Elect. Walter Kolis was elected Senate Secretary. Votes are present in the attached Zoom Chat. Candidate bios can be found in [SharePoint](#).

VII. Change of Guard, University Senate President Nitika Gupta, President- Elect

Dr. Gupta is praised for her leadership and dedication. Dr. Gupta thanks rotating off Senate members for service. Screenshots of the group were taken to remember the moment. New president George receives gavel, Robert's Rules of Order, and scroll with message from Dalai Lama. Dr. Gupta is gifted a plaque and flowers.

VIII. Executive Session & Adjournment 5:13 pm