

# Senate Newsletter

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#### News from the Emory University Senate Adapted from Kimber Williams and Leslie King

## **Committee Reports**

Year-end reports included the following highlights:
Athletics and Recreation — Work continues to integrate Play Emory into the Healthy Emory framework. This fall, Play Emory will roll out to the entire campus community.

• Campus Development — In reviewing new buildings, public art and campus lighting, the committee addressed 19 projects and is developing an outside lighting policy.

• Campus Life — "Flourish Emory," a program that aims to expand the notion of student success to include culture, happiness, wellness and satisfaction, piloted a lecture series and Happiness Boot Camp.

• Environment – The committee reviewed 22 building proposals. A review of the Lullwater management plan has begun, but needs financial backing.

• Library Policy – Organizational and physical changes continue at the Woodruff Library. New University Librarian Yolanda Cooper has arrived, and plans move forward on renovations of MARBL.

• Fringe Benefits – Auto-enrollment is being explored to make Emory's retirement plan accessible to more employees.

## What is Good at Emory?

President James Wagner summarized responses to be taken into account as Emory moves forward with strategic planning, including: culture and character, flexibility, location and physical assets, opportunities, reputation, mission and purpose, employment benefits.

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### From the President's Desk

I would like to thank the members of the senate for a year of action and achievement, with highlights that included:

- Creation of an Open Expression Committee that will soon hear its first case
- Changes in retiree benefits
- Implementation of recommendations from the Committee on Class and Labor
- Creation of an SGA/Senate diversity statement to be added to course material
- Assigned maintenance responsibility for public art on campus
- · Updated bylaws that included changes to faculty representation