President Wagner highlighted several campus construction projects during his report at the September Faculty Council Meeting. After recently completing the Atwood Chemistry Center addition and renovations to the Manuscript, Archives and Rare Book Library, Emory is continuing several major construction and renovation projects designed to provide cutting-edge facilities for teaching, learning, research and patient care. Some projects are expected to be finished as early as this fall, while others will continue into 2016 and 2017. Current projects include the Emory University Hospital bed tower, a new science building at Oxford College, and the Library Service Center (LSC). The LSC is a collaborative project between Emory University and Georgia Institute of Technology that will house a shared collection of materials, provide delivery services, and free up space on the main campuses at both universities.

Distinguished Faculty Lecture Committee Chair Jaffar Khan announced that Dr. Bruce Levin has been selected as the Distinguished Faculty Lecturer for 2016. Dr. Levin’s research focus is cell biology with a special interest in evolutionary biology. Additionally, Dr. Levin is a pioneer in the field of experimental biology. The Distinguished Faculty Lecture was developed in 1995 by the University Faculty Council as a means to recognize excellence among faculty across the university. Each year a lecturer is nominated by a special committee of the Faculty Council and approved by the University President and Provost. The Distinguished Faculty Lecture is held during Founder’s Week.

Emory Receives Record External Research Funding for 2015

At the September Faculty Council meeting, President Wagner announced that researchers at Emory received $572.4 million from external funding agencies in fiscal year 2015, a 9.69 percent increase over last fiscal year. This marks the largest amount of research funding in Emory’s history and is the sixth consecutive year that research funding has exceeded $500 million. Federal agencies awarded nearly $375 million, or nearly 66 percent of the total, led by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) with nearly $300 million in awards. NIH funding represented 80 percent of total federal dollars awarded to Emory.