



Emory University Faculty Council Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2023
3:00-5:00 p.m.

Attendees: Ravi Bellamkonda, Alicia DiNicola, Hashem Dezhbakhsh, Pearl Dowe, Gregory Fenves, Roberto Franzosi, Jodie Guest, Nitika Gupta, Benn Konsynski, Ashima Lal, Michelle Lampl, Eric Lonsdorf, Babak Mahmoudi, Noelle McAfee, Joy McDougall, Edjah Nduom, Modele Ogunniyi, Kajal Patel, Florian Pohl, George Shepard, Andrew Sherrill, Jessican Well, Holly York

Excused Absences: Erin Bonning, Ulemu Luhanga, Susan Ray, Lars Ruthotto, Jessica Sales,

Unexcused Absences: Roger Dean, Anne-Marie McKenzie Brown, Usha Rackiffe, Lars Ruthotto, Karen Sedatole, Salmon Shomade, Aryeh Stein, Phillip Wolff

- I. **Welcome:** *Nitika Gupta, Faculty Council Chair.* Dr. Gupta opened the meeting and discussed providing to support to each other. She discussed the role of equity and how we should be providing support equitably. We need to find our own levels of support which we are capable of giving, and encourage everyone to provide the best version of support to all the students that they can, in this difficult time.
- II. **Approval of Consent Agenda, Minutes from September 2023 meeting.** Dr. Alicia DiNicola moved to approve the consent agenda, and minutes; Dr. Kajal Patel seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- III. **Rethinking sexual and relationship harm: Updates on the Office of Respect and student support resources:** *Dr. Emily Palmieri, Director, Office of Respect*

Dr. Gupta introduced Dr. Palmieri. Dr. Palmieri opened describing understanding sexual and relationship harm. Support begins with respect. An update on the progress was given. The Office of Respect is no longer a mandatory reporter to Title IX and is now a confidential resource under the same protections as CAPS and SHS. There is now a welcoming lounge for students to connect with resources. Additional staff has been recruited including licensed therapists to serve as Counselor/Advocates.

The various counseling services were then described, including where to start. Dr. Palmieri then explained the difference between the Office of Respect, which is a confidential clinical resource. Title IX is a private administrative resource.

The team was introduced including their roles and the process for how to reach the Office of Respect. Along with their location on campus. Dr. Palmieri then described an upcoming event called Respect Con: Sexual Citizens Edition on October 12-13 2023.

- IV. **AI at Work: tools, techniques, and considerations:** *Dr. Paul Welty, Vice Provost for Academic Innovation.*



Dr. Gupta introduced Dr. Welty. Dr. Welty presented on transforming the workplace with Artificial Intelligence. Dr. Welty explained the many concepts that seem to fall into the area of AI. He explained that it is very new and a jagged frontier. It is unlikely to replace employees at this point. Some of the tools being explored are meeting capture and summarization and text generation. Chatbots and website generation are other tools being explored.

Some of the concepts to think about are Ethics, Copyright, Security, Knowledge management is back, Deliverables and documentation are more important than ever. The Office of the Provost is launching a service to help people adopt new tools and new ways of working.

V. **Faculty Club Follow-up:** Dr. Ashima Lal, Faculty Councilor and Chair of Faculty Life Course Committee

Dr. Gupta introduced Dr. Lal who gave a quick update that a proposal was being developed to get additional input on a faculty space. She asked that everyone be on the lookout for the survey in their inboxes.

VI. **Executive Session**

VII. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 pm.