The newly inaugurated ECAS Faculty Senate had a busy fall. In August we adopted a set of bylaws so we could begin working immediately. Since then we have accomplished the following:

- Senate liaisons with departments and programs to ensure effective communication. To see who your Senate liaison is, go the Faculty Governance Website and open the document entitled "Motion 01-2015 Senate-Department Liaisons".
- The creation of four Strategic Planning Working Groups. The working groups made their preliminary reports at the Senate meeting of December 9, where we discussed general principles and goals. Much of the spring semester will be devoted to continuing work on strategic planning. It is very important that faculty continue to be involved in the discussions. All materials can be found on the faculty governance website.
- Reaching out to the Board of Trustees re: Presidential Search.
- The Fall Faculty Meeting was held under the new ECAS bylaws adopted last year. A large number of faculty attended the meeting where, among other items, there was a lengthy and productive discussion of challenges facing undergraduate education. The new meeting format seems to have been a success. The Spring Faculty Meeting is scheduled for February 10 in White Hall 208.
- Motions passed on racial climate at Emory and diversity and freedom of expression.
- The new Faculty Governance website. By mid-December, faculty had visited the site more than three thousand times. The website contains information on the Senate and all standing committees and working groups, including documents and meeting schedules.

Senate Meetings are open to the Emory community. Have an issue? Come and address it during the “Public Comments” portion of the meeting. You also can request to have items placed on the formal agenda.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

You can add any Senate meeting right to your calendar from the Faculty Governance website. Go to the Meetings Schedule at the bottom of the 'College Senate' page. Check the boxes next to the dates you want to remember, and click 'Add To My Calendar'.