EMORY UNIVERSITY. PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON RESEARCH AT EMORY. President's Commission on Research at Emory records, 2000-2003

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Descriptive Summary

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Title: President's Commission on Research at Emory records, 2000-2003

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Abstract: The President's Commission on Research at Emory was established at Emory University in 2001 under then President William M. Chace to examine the vitality of research in the sciences and humanities at the University. The Commission operated concurrently with a ten-year accreditation study conducted by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) to define research, identify who performs research, devise better ways to support research-intensive faculty, and understand how research both affects and is affected by Emory campus culture. The collection documents the findings of the President's Committee on Research at Emory's findings and includes correspondence between committee members, committee meeting minutes, and general reports drafted for faculty, along with general administrative materials.

Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Collection Description

Administrative History
President William M. Chace commissioned a report and commission in 2001 to understand how the Emory University community defined "research." Coinciding with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' ten-year study, Emory decided to form its own self-study en lieu of a traditional accreditation process. Thus began the relationship between Research at Emory and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

The Commission on Research at Emory formed four subcommittees to answer what it considered to be four basic questions surrounding the issue of research on campus. The first committee sought to understand how research was defined on the Emory campus and how that definition was similar to and different from other universities' definitions of research. The second committee was concerned with learning who performed research at Emory. Committee three focused on ways to improve support for research-intensive faculty. The fourth and last committee examined the culture of research on the Emory campus and considered the ways in which time, work, lifestyle, and intellectual community affected the campus's research culture.

Drs. Claire Sterk and David Carr co-chaired the commission. Faculty members across campus were invited to join the commission, and outside scholars were asked to consult on the vitality of Emory's research at various times throughout the three-year period. Each question was given to a specific committee. Subcommittees based on these questions gathered data so that they could bring the information back to the executive committee. The executive committee took that information and relayed it to both the SACS and to the rest of the university community, and the final committee recommendations were produced in spring 2003.

The committee found that more research support was necessary at all levels in order for Emory University to become one of the preeminent research institutions in the world. The report recommended that more researchers be rewarded for their contributions, and a culture of research should be fostered through new, ambitious hires as well as through the development of sites to foster intellectual inquiry. The committee outlined one-year, three-year, and five-year plans to provide financial, intellectual, and administrative support for research in the sciences and humanities. The commission ended in 2003 with outlines for future research growth at Emory.

Scope and Content Note
The President's Commission on Research at Emory, 2000-2003 (2.5 linear feet), collection documents the findings of the committee. They are primarily comprised of correspondence

between committee members, of committee meeting minutes, and of general reports drafted for faculty. The collection is arranged into three series: Committees, General Reports, and Administrative Materials.

The Committees series, 2000-2003 (.75 linear feet), contains materials pertaining to the different committees set up to investigate and discuss various aspects of research at Emory. It contains five subseries: committee one, committee two, committee three, committee four, and executive committee.

The committee one subseries contains materials pertaining to Emory's definition of "research." It has meeting minutes, faculty research data, and other university comparative data. The committee two subseries include materials outlining the success of Emory researchers. The committee three subseries documents Emory's current support of research and the ways that support could be improved. The committee four subseries contain meeting minutes and document the culture of Emory research. The executive committee documents are comprised of meeting minutes including a productive July 2002 retreat, preliminary data, and periodic updates on research.

The General Reports series, 2000-2003 (.5 linear feet), includes planning, data, and response reports that were done by various committees within the Research at Emory project. This series is divided into four subseries: General Reports 2000, General Reports 2001, General Reports 2002, and General Reports 2003.

The general reports 2000 subseries includes preliminary research and reports, including a self-study proposal sent to Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The general reports 2001 subseries include planning reports pertaining to the way that the committee will approach and organize their research. It also includes monthly update documentation and a "Research at Emory" handout from the previous ten years' work pertaining to this subject. The general reports series 2002 includes faculty reports, recommendations, and data. The general reports series 2003 includes departmental feedback and the final Emory report on Research at Emory.

The Administrative Materials series, 2000-2001 (.75 linear feet), includes the "Research at Emory" website materials, study notes, invitations to faculty, progress report drafts, university and comparative data, and consultant information.

Arrangement Note

Organized into three series: (1) Committees, (2) General reports, and (3) Administrative material.

Description of Series

Series 1: Committees, 2001-2003
- Subseries 1.1: Committee One, 2001-2002
- Subseries 1.2: Committee Two, 2001-2002
- Subseries 1.3: Committee Three, 2001-2002
- Subseries 1.4: Committee Four, 2001-2002
- Subseries 1.5: Committee Five, 2001-2003

Series 2: General reports, 2000-2003
- Subseries 2.1: General reports, 2000
- Subseries 2.2: General reports, 2001
- Subseries 2.3: General reports, 2002
- Subseries 2.4: General reports, 2003

Series 3: Administrative materials, 2001-2003

Series 1
Committees, 2001-2003
Boxes 1-2

Scope and Content Note
Contains materials pertaining to the five committees set up to investigate and discuss various aspects of research at Emory.

Arrangement Note
Organized into five subseries: (1.1) Committee One, (1.2) Committee Two, (1.3) Committee Three, (1.4) Committee Four, and (1.5) Committee Five.

Subseries 1.1
Committee One, 2001-2002
Box 1

Arrangement Note
Arranged by record type.

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Minutes and reports, August 2001-September 2002
1	2	Internal Research Data
1	3	Comparative Research Data, 2001

Subseries 1.2
Committee Two, 2001-2002
Box 1

Arrangement Note
Arranged by record type.

Box	Folder	Content
1	4	Meeting minutes, August 2001-December 2002
1	5	Surveys and data, August 2001-December 2002
1	6	Faculty hearings and notes, 2001

Subseries 1.3
Committee Three, 2001-2002
Box 1

Box	Folder	Content
1	7	Committee Three minutes, August 2001- December 2002

Subseries 1.4
Committee Four, 2001-2002
Box 1

Arrangement Note
Arranged by record type.

Box	Folder	Content
1	8	Committee Four agendas and minutes, September 2001-August 2002
1	9	Committee Four survey and studies, November 2001

Subseries 1.5
Committee Five, 2001-2003
Box 2

Arrangement Note
Arranged by file type.

Box	Folder	Content
2	1	Executive Committee meeting minutes, April 2001-March 2003
2	2	July 2002 Retreat
2	3	Executive Committee Recommendations, September 2002-August 2003
2	4	Subcommittee proposals, September 2002
2	5	Full Commission meetings, October 2001- January 2003

Series 2
General reports, 2000-2003
Boxes 2-4

Scope and Content Note

Includes planning, data, and response reports that were done by various committees within the Research at Emory project. The general reports 2000 subseries includes preliminary research and reports, including a self-study proposal sent to Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The general reports 2001 subseries include planning reports pertaining to the way that the committee will approach and organize their research. It also includes monthly update documentation and a "Research at Emory" handout from the previous ten years' work pertaining to this subject. The general reports series 2002 includes faculty reports, recommendations, and data. The general reports series 2003 includes departmental feedback and the final Emory report on Research at Emory.

Arrangement Note

Organized into four subseries: (2.1) General reports, 2000; (2.2.) General reports, 2001; (2.3) General reports, 2002; and (2.4) General reports, 2003.

Subseries 2.1
General reports, 2000
Box 2

Box	Folder	Content
2	6	SACS Self-Study Proposal, 2000

Subseries 2.2
General reports, 2001
Box 2

Arrangement Note
Arranged in alphabetical order by file type.

Box	Folder	Content
2	7	Emory Technology Reports, 2001
2	8	Frost and Jean Article, 2001
2	9	Research at Emory Handout, 2001
2	10	University Planning Reports, 2001
2	11	Update of Progress, December 2001

Subseries 2.3
General reports, 2002
Box 3

Arrangement Note
Arranged in alphabetical order by file type.

Box	Folder	Content
3	1	AAUP Write-Up and Undergraduate Research, 2002
3	2	Data Appendices, 2002
3	3	Departmental Research Techniques, 2002
3	4	Emory's Achievements Report, 2002
3	5	Faculty Report, 2002
3	6	Recommendations, December 2002

Subseries 2.4
General reports, 2003
Box 4

Arrangement Note
Arranged in alphabetical order by file type.

Box	Folder	Content
4	7	Data Concerns, 2003
4	8	Departmental Feedback, Spring 2003
4	9	Final Report, October 2003
4	10	Preliminary Report-Draft, January 2003
4	11	Preliminary Report-Draft, February 2003
4	12	Research Principles, 2003
4	13	SACS Compliance Audit Report, 2003

Series 3
Administrative materials, 2001-2003
Boxes 4-5

Scope and Content Note
Includes the "Research at Emory" website materials, study notes, invitations to faculty, progress report drafts, university and comparative data, and consultant information.

Arrangement Note
Arranged in roughly chronological order.

Box	Folder	Content
4	14	Website
4	15	Beginning notes and questions, January 2001-September 2001
4	16	Invitations and acceptances, 2001
4	17	Commission Charging Meeting, October 2001
4	18	Update of progress, 2001
4	13	SACS Consultant Recruitment, 2001
5	1	Philanthropy Conference, 2002
5	2	Draft SACS Report, July 2002, September 2002
5	3	Emory Report to SACS, 2002
5	4	University Comparative Data, 2002
5	5	University Comparative Data, 2002
5	6	Update of Progress, 2003
5	7	SACS Consultant Visits, Spring 2002-2003
5	8	SACS Committee Visit, 2003
5	9	Presentation to Faculty, 2003
5	10	Cool Crypt, 2002