

EMORY UNIVERSITY

FACULTY CLUB

UFC WORKING GROUP

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INTEREST



- Faculty raised the issue at least as early as 1998
- Renewed series of discussions have taken place in the Faculty Council since 2007
- Survey in November of 2016 with a 46% response rate found some 80% of respondents supported a faculty club
- All Deans at the time voiced support for the establishment of an Emory Faculty Club

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN EMORY FACULTY MEMBER ...





•••• Sprint LTE

3:07 PM

75%



Messages

Claire Dooley

Details

Hi, where should we meet for our 3pm discussion today?

Looks like everything is booked here, should we try meeting at the DUC?

Works for me, I'll meet you near Kaldi's Coffee

> I'm here but can't seem to find a quiet spot to sit

I'm here as well but don't see you, can you call me?

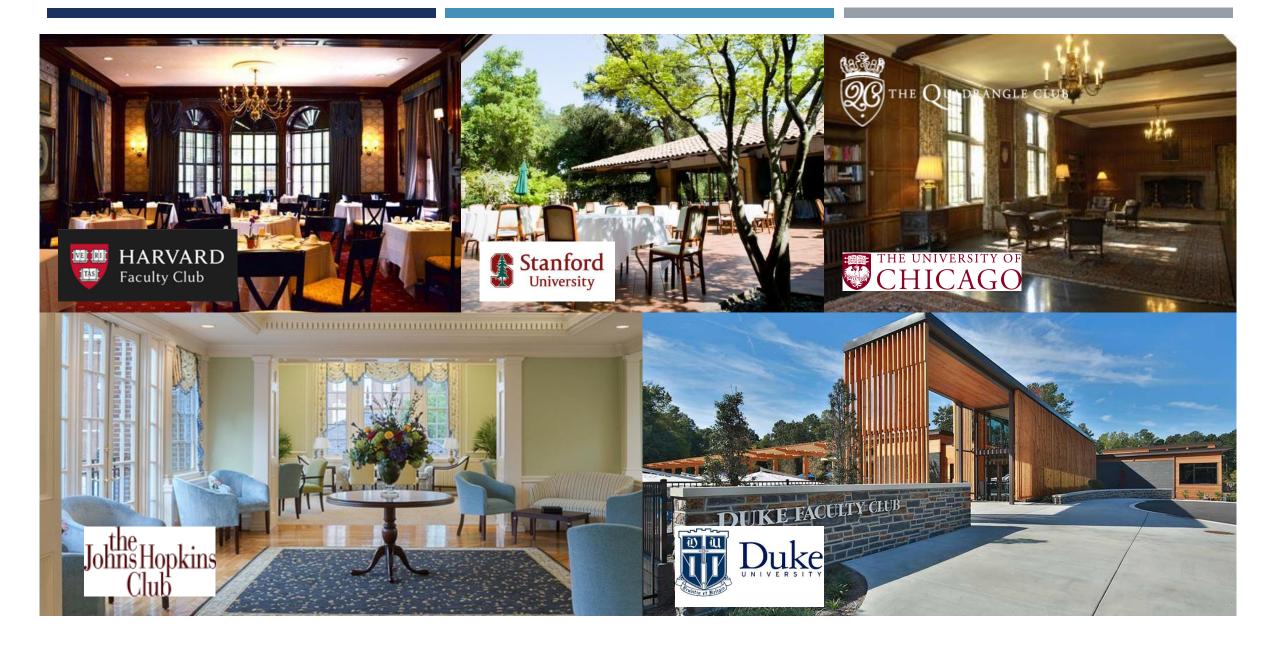






COMPARED WITH...





FACULTY FEEDBACK



"...a faculty club would certainly reduce isolation, increase campus interactions and bring Emory closer to being a first rate place. There is currently no real attractive gathering location for faculty face-to-face interactions outside of their own departments. The DUC is a poor substitute for a proper faculty dining room."

"...the formation of an Emory faculty club would send a strong message to faculty regarding their value and further to serve as a forum for faculty to foster intellectual, cultural, and social interchanges. Having a private designated location to meet or to schedule workshops and business meetings with good food and beverages would advance social capital among faculty at Emory."

FACULTY FEEDBACK SUMMARY



- Emory could benefit from a forum that would catalyze and consolidate our broader intellectual engagement.
- Such a forum supports President Sterk's call for renewed emphasis on cultural and academic community excellence.

TODAY'S UNIVERSITY



- Nationally, authors have observed a new silence in the halls of academe and a sense of alienation (The Slow Professor)
- Rise of email, greater specialization in scholarship and course offerings, electronic access to scholastic materials, and other obligations including requirements on some to raise salaries
- Broad changes in the process of higher education threatens the face-to-face free exchange of ideas and the faculty community necessary for the emergence of innovative and entrepreneurial scholarship.

TOWARDS EXCELLENCE



A venue that provides a common meeting place for our faculty and their guests is merely a first critical step towards building the dynamic faculty community necessary to nurture and grow the broader inclusive scholastic excellence of Emory University.

IMMEDIATE VISION



- A common area for faculty to meet, read, discuss, share in small meetings beyond departments
- Accessible from 8am-6pm
- Coffee, tea, and light foods available all day
- Comfortable chairs and tables inviting enough to bring faculty out of office spaces

EXPANDED VISION



- Lunch every day (to replace faculty dining room)
- Wine and beer available from 5-8pm (BYOB?)
- Engaging campus visitors in discussion and/or reserved for faculty group for events, book clubs, discussions, and interdisciplinary gatherings competitive with off campus venues.

VENUE



Must be on-campus. Possible sites:

- The Oxford Road Lounge
- The Carlos Ackerman reception hall or the dining area
- The Library
- The side lounge of the old Candler library
- Pitts Library
- The new DUC

SUSTAINABILITY & COSTS



- UFC Faculty Life Course Committee, or another subcommittee would have oversight of the club.
- Faculty would pay a yearly fee to join
- Schools would pay for new and junior faculty for the first three to four years to encourage broad participation.

Please refer to the Emory Faculty Club Proposal for more information.

THE COMMUNITY DEBATE





YOUR THOUGHTS AND FEEDBACK ARE WELCOMED AND MUCH APPRECIATED