

Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Tuesday, January 24 2023 – 1:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

Present: Kimmika Williams-Witherspoon (Pres., TFMA), Shohreh Amini (V. President, CST), Quaiser Abdullah (Secy., KMC), Rafael Porrata-Doria (Past-Pres., Law), Nicholas Bizzaro (KSoD), Dale Haines (LKSM), Di Liu (CEHD), Barry McCarthy (Law), George Miller (Ed., Faculty Herald, KMC) Sharyn O'Mara (TYL), Vallorie Peridier (COE), Rick Ridall (STHM) Michael Schirmer (FSBM), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD), Ryan Tierney (CPH)

Absent: Cheri Carter (SSW), Jason Gallagher (Pharm)

Admin: Cheryl Mack

Guest: Gianni Quattrocchi and Mary Alexandra Trout, TSG; Steve Newman, EPPC

Meeting Called to Order: 1:03pm

- **Motion:** Request to approve Minutes of November 29 2022
 - Edit: Item 6 – Typographical Edit – Change “regard” to “regarding”
 - Change approved
 - 1 abstention; Minutes approved with majority vote
- President’s Report
 - Congratulations to Dustin Kidd who is now GenEd Director
 - Open for faculty member to serve on Shared Governance Committee
 - Kimmika met with President Wingard. Discussed issue of low morale
 - Reviewing existing bylaws template for shared governance
 - Encouraging schools and colleges to revise bylaws to be in sync with direction of the university’s approach to shared governance
 - Recommendations sent to Provost’s Office with recommendations for CEHD deans search and committee
 - PA Leadership Committee meeting on schedule for February 2nd
 - Steering Committee needs to appoint nominating committee for officer positions
 - Call for 3-4 volunteers for committee
 - Chair: Rafael Porrata-Doria (immediate past president)
 - Process: Chair speaks to officers to see if they are interested in running again; announcement sent to entire faculty for more petitions/nominations
 - Volunteers: Dale Haines, Mike Schirmer
 - Contact RPD if there are others interested
- Vice-President’s Report
 - Candidate for Assessment of Instruction Committee
 - Margaret Miklich approved
- Guest: Gianni Quattrocchi and Mary Alexandra Trout - (TSG)
 - TSG passed resolution regarding textbook affordability in 2022

- Motion to Increase Textbook Affordability and Reduce Costs
 - Ask – Can Faculty Senate pass resolution pertaining to textbook affordability
 - Show a commitment to lessening costs
 - Textbook Affordability Task Force helped review and tweak resolution
 - Resolution will be shared with FSSC (Kimmika will share)
 - Questions:
 - What percentage of students do not use TU Bookstore for books?
 - Bookstore advises lower rental options.
 - Access Codes are also a cost
 - Was there a focus on required courses vs electives?
 - Foreign Language classes have fewer open access resources
 - Some programs/schools have higher prices
 - Is there data on correlation between attrition rates and affordability?
 - No question on survey related to drop-out and costs
 - Bookstore prices are on average 40% higher. How is that addressed?
 - Many students go outside of the bookstore
 - Some scholarships only recognize bills from university. Students therefore cannot use scholarship money for books that are not billed directly from Temple/Bookstore
 - Task Force pushing to make sure all costs associated with courses are visible prior to registering for classes.
 - Invitation to UFS or RFS to speak to larger group
 - Faculty Discussion
 - Temple leadership needs to step up and encourage colleges
 - FSSC can act as a source of added pressure to move initiative forward
 - Question – What is the financial impact on the agreement between the university and book vendor with this initiative? President will inquire with chair of task force.
- Guest: Steve Newman, Chair of EPPC
 - Instructional IP
 - Who owns materials? Can leadership give materials to other faculty to teach courses? Can Temple block faculty from using materials at other institutions?
 - ASK:
 - EPPC to reach out to Central Admin and Collegial Assembly to get information on policies and practices around IP
 - EPPC would then make recommendations on a policy
 - Fact-Finding – Discussion – Creation of a Policy
 - Questions
 - What are other universities doing?
 - Temple is an outlier in not having a policy
 - How can we gather the data?
 - Reach out to Central Admin, Collegiate Assemblies, individual faculty
 - Was there an issue that emerged that is making this a pressing issue?

- In early COVID, message came out indicating that the recording of classes was the property of the university.
 - Steve will share policies.
- New Business
 - Request for meeting with Graduate School to discuss system for reviewing graduate applications
 - System is onerous and problematic
 - Kimmika will see how best to get responses from Grad Committee
 - Faculty raised concern about university providing financial support for faculty to attend conferences in Florida
 - Faculty member invited to make presentation at Representative Faculty Senate
- Old Business
 - NA

Meeting Adjourned: 3:00pm

Respectfully Submitted

Quaiser Abdullah

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