

Faculty Senate Steering Committee  
Tuesday, October 25, 2022 – 1:00 pm  
Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Kimmika Williams-Witherspoon (Pres., TFMA), Shohreh Amini (V. President, CST), Quaiser Abdullah (Secy., KMC), Nicholas Bizzaro (KSoD), Cheri Carter (SSW), Jason Gallagher (Pharm), Dale Haines (LKSM), Dustin Kidd (CLA), Di Liu (CEHD), Barry McCarthy (Law), Sharyn O’Mara (TYL), Vallorie Peridier (COE), Michael Schirmer (FSBM), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD), Ryan Tierney (CPH)

**Absent:** Rafael Porrata-Doria (Past-Pres., Law), George Miller (Ed., Faculty Herald, KMC) Rick Ridall (STHM), Shinya Watanabe (TUJ)

**Admin:** Cheryl Mack

Meeting Called to Order: 1:03pm

- **Motion:** Request to approve Minutes of Sept 20
  - Unanimously approved
- **Motion:** Request to approve Minutes of October 11
  - Unanimously approved
- President’s Report
  - Penn State and Pitt of Faculty Leadership Consortium met with Kimmika and Shohreh
    - Concerns around election. Interest groups against stem-cell research.
    - Plan to meet with the group again in November along with FSSC Executive Team
    - FSSC Executive Team met with Provost on Wednesday 10/19
      - Discussion about budgets – Challenges coming down the pike
      - Students down to 33,600
      - 44 million deficit due to significantly reduced student population
      - Possible discussion on merging schools and colleges
      - Discussion on equity in NTT load and responsibilities. NTTs who are not paid equitably are those who are from marginalized communities.
  - Dustin Kidd sponsored resolution for class amendment for election day. Law School passed resolution to cancel classes for Election Day
- Guest: Gianni Quattrocchi, TSG President
  - Faculty members introduced themselves
  - Updates:
    - SEPTA Program/UPass – Purchase key cards in bulk to distribute to faculty and students. Includes all SEPTA transport modes. Subsidies may differ depending on mode and location.
    - Voting Day as part of the discussion for the future. Too late for current year
    - Campus Safety – Important. Working with Campus Safety to expand reach of TUalerts

- Restructuring in TSG resulted in scale-down of positions. Student engagement and outreach.
    - Delegation of students go to Harrisburg to encourage senators to vote in favor of appropriations for Temple
  - Ask: Election Day calendar amendment would be area of support from FSSC. Late for this semester – can faculty independently give permission to miss class?
  - Student Parliament (representatives from schools and colleges) - Many seats left unfilled; never had a full parliament. New constitution of TSG is provisional. Parliament dissolved. Parliament non-functional. New constitution to be drafted to take effect during swearing-in in 2023.
  - Question: Is student voice still present?
    - Engagement is higher in this administration as there were various gaps in the previous approach
  - Question: Is TSG discussing divestment from fossil fuels?
    - TSG met with Temple student coalition focusing on sustainability and divestment. Talks ongoing. TSG will sign-on once group moves efforts forward with administration.
  - Question: How can we get students to get to serve of the EPPC?
    - Gianni will get names to FSSC by end of week
  - FSSC can collaborate on UPass, Election Day Calendar Change, Fossil Fuel Divestment and Increased Appropriations
- Vice President Report
  - No applications for volunteers for committees
  - Vacancies:
    - Status of Faculty of Color – 2
    - EPPC – Student Reps missing
    - Faculty Herald Advisory – 2
    - Lectures and Forums – 4
    - RPPC – 1
    - TAUP – 1
    - Assessment and Instruction - 1
  - Any interested should send statements of interest and bio to [senate2@temple.edu](mailto:senate2@temple.edu)
  - Events:
  - Board of Trustee Advisory Committees
    - Reduced to 7 Committees
    - 3-Year Commitments
    - Names collected for nominations for the committees
- Old Business
  - Academic Calendar change most applicable area for FSSC
  - Dustin Kidd sponsored motion for Election Day calendar change to be a Civic Wellness Day
  - Needs to go to the Representative Faculty Senate Meeting – November 17

- **Motion:** Does the Steering Committee approve *Motion to Amend the Temple University Academic Calendar to include a Civic Wellness Day* to be sent to the Representative Faculty Senate for a vote.
  - Unanimous approval
- New Business
  - None recorded

Meeting Adjourned: 2:14pm

Respectfully Submitted

Quaiser Abdullah

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