

Faculty Senate Steering Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, November 14, 2023 – 1:00 pm  
Conference Room 3B, Conwell Hall

**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Shohreh Amini (President, CST), Mike Bognanno (Vice President, CLA), Rick Ridall (Secretary, STHM), Fauzia Ahmad (COE), Cheri Carter (SSW), Dale Haines (LKSM), Jason Gallagher (Pharm), Robin Kolodny (CLA), Di Liu (CEHD), Matthew Miller (TFMA), Michael Schirmer (FSBM), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD), Ryan Tierney (CPH),

**Absent:** Quaiser Abdullah (KMC), Nicholas Bizzaro (KSoD), Barry McCarthy (Law), Stan McDonald (Fac. Herald), Sharyn O'Mara (TYL), Rafael Porrata-Doria (Past-Pres.), Shinya Watanabe (TUJ)

**Admin:** Cheryl Mack

1. Call to Order – President Shohreh Amini: 1:02PM
2. Introduction of Guests: Arthur Johnson, Vice President & Athletic Director; Justin Miller, Executive Senior Associate Athletic Director & Chief of Staff; Individual introductions of FSSC
  - a. Overview of time at Temple
    - i. Arthur - 2<sup>nd</sup> year as VP & Athletic Director
      1. 2 Degrees from University of Georgia
    - ii. Justine– Chief of Staff; 13<sup>th</sup> year at Temple in various roles in athletic department
      1. Muhlenberg College (UG); University of Central Fla (Grad)
  - b. Presentation and Overview of Temple's Athletic Department (led by Arthur)
    - i. Student Athletes - student comes first; thank you all for your ongoing support of them
    - ii. 19 Sports – 18 of which are NCAA sanctioned (men's rowing the exception)
    - iii. Temple sports have not won enough – very upsetting and needs to change
    - iv. Students are very successful in classroom with several teams exceeding previous results, and many individually on Dean's list; 3.48 Combined GPA; 18 Of 19 teams earned a semester GPA of 3.0 or greater; 95% Graduate Rate; Goldwater Scholar – Diana Tiburcio, participated in “engineers without borders”

- v. Spent the first 120 days in the job listening about Temple with many different Stakeholders; had 96 individual meetings over the course of 7 months.
- vi. Have had many lunch meetings at Maxi's with donors to get them back on campus (not Liacouras Center – meaning the east side of campus); very important and huge push for central part of campus
- vii. Has meeting tomorrow with Donors from class of 1971, will be their first time on campus since graduation
- viii. Strong encouragement of getting students involved in other areas of academics and campus life
- ix. Power Point presentation: Temple Athletics Vision: They have greatness in them; we are here to help them grow; want to talk about their personal and professional development; Highlights included:
- x. 7 values: Perseverance; Diversity; Community; Respect; Accountability; Integrity; Teamwork (for all student athletes)
  - i. **Question:** Conference Realignment - are we in the right situation, conference, and division where we are?
  - ii. **Response:** Conference realignment is not new; it has been going on for some time (examples provided); feel we are in the best spot; Trying to be the best that we can be in our conference (American Athletic Conference); Have 8 new schools in our conference; Significant money coming into our conference; my job is to provide as much opportunity as possible in our current environment
  - iii. **Question:** What is our value add for Temple Athletics?
  - iv. **Response:** (referenced PowerPoint):41 different countries represented in Temple Athletics;52 percent female/48 males;169 new student athletes this fall
  - v. **Question:** Do we have many athletes in University Studies major?
  - vi. **Response:** Very good balance of Temple Student-Athlete College Distribution - we do not have clustering of majors; offering short-duration Stud Abroad Opportunity and partnering with a college and faculty member; what they learn is invaluable
  - vii. Owl Affinity Groups; meet monthly and have a variety of different groups, organizations, and student driven initiatives; throughout the year each program will have a chance to highlight what they are doing

- viii. Community Engagement with Athletics provide different games day opportunities: “Temple Experience”; “Temple Athletics MLK Day of Service” - partnered with 15 different nonprofits to do this over the course of 4 hours and helping in many ways (strong discussion and questions followed on this topic and opportunity)

3. President's Report: Shohreh Amini

- a. Textbook Affordability Act review
- b. Gen Ed Steering Committee reform
  - i. Dean of CLA is on that committee, on board with having limited courses; Core course Math 55 very good but it disappeared, math is important and needs to be continued/provided
  - ii. President's search: told by Mitch Morgan that they are taking our opinion (faculty); continuing to look for the right person; will get a leader that we all deserve and have been waiting a long time for; there is no cap on the search committee

4. Vice President's Report: Mike Bognanno

- a. review and discussion of open committees, active committees, and committees in question (inactive or not sure of status); what the plan should be moving forward; individual(s) need to be appointed to do a thorough review of all to determine our process
- b. Faculty Senate Steering meeting additional notes – see handouts

5. Approval of Minutes: October 31<sup>st</sup> approved: 3:02pm

6. Old Business: N/A

7. New Business:

- a. Jason Gallagher – School of Pharmacy

- i. **Question:** How do we get clinical teaching workload (example 20 hours of clinical teaching)? Where do we go to get clinical teaching counted towards workload (This is a baseline workload)
- ii. **Recommendations:** Jen Woods – Vice Provost for Faculty.  
Inquire with one of the assistant Deans

8. Adjournment: 3:15pm

***Next Meetings:***

- FSSC, Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 1pm, in-person
- University Senate, Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 1:45 pm, hybrid meeting, Center for Anti-Racism, 140 Mazur Hall

\*Report respectfully submitted by Rick Ridall