

Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Tuesday, March 8, 2022 – 1:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Present: Kimmika Williams-Witherspoon (Pres., TFMA), Lisa Ferretti (V. President, SSW), Quaiser Abdullah (KMC), Shohreh Amini (CST), Cheri Carter (SSW), Maia Cucchiara (CEHD), Jason Gallagher (Pharm), Dale Haines (LKSM), Robin Kolodny (CLA), Barry McCarthy (Law), Nichola Kinch (ART & ARCH), Vallorie Peridier (Engr), Rick Ridall (STHM), Michael Schirmer (FSB), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD), Cheryl Mack (Coord.)

Absent: Ashley Stewart (Secy., SSW), Rafael Porrata-Doria (Past-Pres., Law), Ryan Tierney (CPH), Shinya B. Watanabe (TUJ)

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

2. Approval of minutes:

The approval of the February 15, 2022 minutes was postponed until next meeting.

3. President's report: Kimmika Williams-Witherspoon:

Attended (virtually) the Coalition of Inter-Collegiate Association (COIA). [Senator] Cory Booker introduced a revised Student Bill of Rights focusing on health, safety issues for divisions one, two, and three. Asked that Faculty Senates make a push to get students and faculty representatives on athletic boards and make sure programs were education centered. Thinks that Temple does well with academic integrity. The revised Student Bill of Rights scheduled for publication around the start of March Madness. Another issue is to ensure athletes have summers off instead of year-round training. Should the FSSC take up this issue?

President Wingard spoke at the state appropriations meeting on Thursday and to the House (of Representatives?). Apparently, Pennsylvania has one of the highest student debt ratios in the country. They wanted to know how the Fly-in-Four program is doing. Even throughout Covid fly-in-four has continued to be successful. University has asked for more appropriations (6%) however, they did not seem in favor of this. Tuition competition: Ohio is offering better packages to Pennsylvania students. GI Bill only offers 36 months to vets. Thinking of offering academic credit for experience within and outside of the military.

Violence is another big issue. Former Philadelphia Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey will come to do an evaluation of our violence prevention tactics. Task Force has been announced.

President Wingard would like the University Faculty Senate to hold an in-person meeting. Should we change the schedule for this? There was some discussion about this and the meeting schedule for the next academic year. Consensus is to change to a hybrid schedule for AY 2022-23 with one in-person meeting each semester.

Emergency meeting Monday regarding City lifting mask mandate and wanted to know what faculty and students thought about this. KWW opinion was concern with seasoned faculty and Covid babies born during the pandemic. May be more comfortable with the masks for classrooms and smaller spaces. Also input from TSG and the Medical School. Other universities in the area are waiting to remove masks. FSSC consensus is to remain masked at least until the end of the semester. Will bring this to the President at next meeting with him.

Gave written report to Senate Presidents Leadership meeting of our Faculty Governance statements. Penn State will share their preamble to their constitution on academic freedom. Things are changing with faculty tenure and academic freedom, so the battle is coming.

Shohreh Amini gave an update on the Faculty Service Awards. Submitted the names of three plus one nominees for the FSOFSA to the Provost Office. FSSA recipients will be submitted by the end of the day.

One last thing from KWW: an email from New Deal for Higher Education(?). Trying to get as many faculty senates as possible across the nation to support resolution on student debt by April 4th. Now at 1.6 trillion dollars in student debt. Join the effort to push for zero debt.

4. Vice President's report: Lisa Ferretti:

Materials for candidates for various senate committees for review and approval:

Abdullah	Quaiser	KMC	Secretary	pending	ON BALLOT	1st term
Almon	Cate	CLA	CIP	N/A	Approved	2nd term
Amini	Shohreh	CST	Senate VP	Yes	ON BALLOT	1st term
Amini	Shohreh	CST	FSSW	N/A	Approved	2nd term
Burket	Heather	CPH	SASC	Yes	Approved	1st term
Cleaver	Christine	STHM	FSSW	N/A	Approved	2nd term
Dickey	Sue	CPH	BULC	N/A	Approved	2nd term
Doshna	Jeffrey	TYL	FHAB	N/A	Approved	2nd term
Ferretti	Lisa	SSW	FHAB	N/A	Approved	2nd term
Firat	Alexa	CLA	FSSW	N/A	Approved	2nd term
Kiani	Mohammad	COE	CIP	N/A	Approved	2nd term
Li	Robert	STHM	CATA	N/A	Approved – DECLINED	2nd term
McCarthy	Finbarr	LAW	Personnel	Yes	ON BALLOT	2nd term
McCormick	Bryan	CPH	CIP	N/A	Approved	2nd term
Newman	Steve	CLA	EPPC	pending	ON BALLOT	2nd term
Newman	Steve	CLA	BULC	Yes	Approved	1st term
Pongan	Joshua	CLA	CIP	Yes	Approved	1st term
Rosen	Ira L.	STHM	BRC	N/A	Approved	2nd term
Wargo	Donald	CLA	BULC	Yes	<i>Solow to follow up with TAUP</i>	1st term
Wms-Witherspoon	Kimmika	TFMA	President	Yes	ON BALLOT	2nd term
Wu	Laurie	STHM	CATA	N/A	Approved	2nd term

Before the vote on candidates there was a discussion of committee membership, its criteria and the various checks and balances for various roles on committees.

Motion to invite TAUP leadership for a conversation about concerns relating to roles and responsibilities and relationships to each. Vote is

- For: 10
- Opposed: 3
- Abstain: 0

KWW will invite the leadership to an FSSC meeting.

Second term appointments: all appointed unanimously.

First term appointments: 1 abstention, majority approved.

Jeff Solow will contact TAUP for Wargo appointment to BULC as a TAUP representative

Reach out to schools/colleges for representatives appointed to Bargaining Units Liaison Committee.

Editor of Faculty Herald position: 7 applications, extended interviews to 3 candidates, 2 decided to move forward to interview. To be a formal document from committee to FSSC.

There was a recommendation that the final candidate meet with the FSSC before final offer for position

Motion: Final candidate to meet with FSSC. Yeas: 13 nays: 0 abstentions: 2

Update: Lectures and Forums is still taking applications for funds.

Update: RPPC has not yet sent criteria for research project funding

5. Old business:

None

6. New business:

None

7. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Submitted by,

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