

**Faculty Senate Steering Committee**  
**Tuesday, February 1, 2022 – 1:00 PM**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Attendance:

Present: Kimmika Williams-Witherspoon (Pres., TFMA), Lisa Ferretti (V. President, SSW), Rafael Porrata-Doria (Past-Pres., Law), 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), Ryan Tierney (CPH), Cheryl Mack (Coord.)

Absent: Ashley Stewart (Secy., SSW), Quaiser Abdullah (KMC), Shinya B. Watanabe (TUJ)

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm

2. Approval of minutes:

The minutes of November 9, 2021, November 30, 2021 and January 18, 2022 were approved as written.

3. Guest: Bradley Smutek, President, Temple Student Government

After introductions and some background information about himself, Bradley was asked to discuss some of the TSG initiatives and what the Faculty Senate might be able to assist TSG with.

Some of the issues that TSG are currently working on:

- Mental health: TSG advocating for Wellness days each semester. Some faculty support to implement wellness days would be helpful.
- Muslim prayer space on campus: currently no private place for Muslims. Christians and Jewish faiths have support from private sources and private locations. We have a donor base but need institutional support for it.
- Campus safety: recently did a survey among students regarding campus safety concerns and shared the results with Campus Safety Services who will use to update its services.
- Basic needs: Cherry Wardrobe, much like Cherry Pantry but with clothing. Students may donate and receive clothes needed. Need one centralized place for students to donate and receive.
- Sustainability: students want Temple University to become a national model of how an urban campus can operate sustainably.
- Upass: include Septa Upass in tuition. Office of sustainability has been advocating for this for some time.

- Community engagement: dialog with the North Philadelphia community, making them feel heard rather than just consulting with then moving on (?). One avenue, is a community advisory board, working with block captains, ward leaders to work on issues and make recommendations to the president and provost, etc.

4. Guests: Chairs/Designees of the Collegial Assemblies:

Lauren Kogan, KMC; Samantha Simpson, TYL; Crystal Harold, FSB; Dustin Kidd, CLA;  
JoAnne Allen Nyquist, KSoD; Elizabeth Cassidy Parker, BCMD; Amml Hussein, SSW;  
Lu Lu, STHM

Collegial chairs were invited to the FSSC for a dialogue on faculty governance. There was a discussion concerning faculty governance and what works well and what does not. Chairs outlined the structure and composition of collegial assemblies within their units, the various functions of committees/sub-committees and which committees were faculty appointed or dean appointed. There was also comments concerning school/college bylaws and collegial bylaws. Also, information on whether CA's or committees have input on budget and other issues. Toward the end of the discussion were some ideas/suggestions on how to improve shared faculty governance.

5. Vice President's Report: Lisa Ferretti

Since meeting is near its end, it was suggested that the report be circulated online via the listserv.

6. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

Submitted by,

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