

Faculty Senate Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 13, 2024 – 6:00 pm
Zoom: <https://temple.zoom.us/j/95062901236>

Minutes

Attendance:

Present: Shohreh Amini (President, CST), Mike Bognanno (Vice President, CLA), Robin Kolodny (Secretary), Fauzia Ahmad (COE), Ron Carr (TUJ), Jason Gallagher (Pharm), Lu Lu (STHM), Sabrina Minhas (TSPM), Jason Norris (TFMA-*interim*), Sharyn O'Mara (TYL), Deborah Racano (KMC), Michael Schirmer (FSB), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD) Ryan Tierney (CPH)

Absent: Renee Fennell (KSoD), Lisa Ferretti (SSW), Dale Haines (LKSM), Di Liu (CEHD), Barry McCarthy (Law), Stan McDonald (CLA, Fac. Herald),

Absent Excused: Matthew Miller (TFMA) - *sabbatical fall 2024*, Rafael Porrata-Doria (Past-President, Law) - *sabbatical fall 2024*

Admin: Cheryl Mack

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Introduction of Guests: Jeff Doshna (TYL) and Steve Newman (CLA), Discussion of RCM white paper

- a. At the October 23, 2024 Representative Faculty Senate meeting with the Board of Trustees, faculty raised the issue of RCM. Trustee Morgan invited us to write a white paper on the topic.
- b. Guests and members of the FSSC discussed the pros and cons of taking on such a project—would administrative decision makers read the product?
- c. Several topics were discussed as probable components of a white paper:
 - i. Receive a standard data set that is useful (factual)
 - ii. Role of faculty in reviewing RCM decisions/allocations
 - iii. Alternatives to RCM, such as performance-based budgeting
 - iv. Multi-year budgets
 - v. Improve transparency about the use of vendors and spending decisions
 - vi. Talk with other colleagues at institutions that abandoned RCM, especially the University of Illinois–Chicago

3. President's Report: Shohreh Amini

- a. The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate will be meeting with Provost Mandel before the end of the semester.
- b. Provost plans to attend the December 12th meeting of the University Faculty Senate with President Fry
 - i. Discussed setting an agenda of issues for the meeting, such as:
 1. RCM

2. Relationships with the Board of Trustees (committee participation)
 3. Temple's football program
 4. Term limits for Deans
 - c. President Fry is scheduled to attend a meeting of the FSSC. His visit will be on February 4, 2025.
 - d. Dan Berman will speak to the FSSC about student retention. He would be accompanied by Jodi Bailey to further discuss student success. Their presentation will be separate from Jose Aviles' presentation about recruitment.
 - e. Athletic Director Art Johnson met on Zoom with Shohreh Amini to discuss some details about the December 3rd meeting we have with Liz Taylor, our NCAA liaison
 - f. Michael Gebhardt, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, will talk to FSSC early in the spring term.
 - g. Meeting later this week with Jen Wood about collegial by-laws
4. Approval of Minutes for October 29, 2024: 12 yeas, 1 abstention, 0 nays
 5. Vice President's Report: Mike Bognanno
 - a. Report on current committee vacancies
 6. Old Business
 - a. Steve Newman reported that EPPC received a draft of a copyright policy for faculty lectures and teaching materials from Josh Gladden. Vice president Gladden will come to EPPC to discuss this.
 7. New Business
 - a. Boyer college has activated its Budget Committee
 - b. Colleagues in Tyler have prepared a report on alternatives to the university's scheduling policy. Want to invite faculty to information sessions happening soon.
 - c. Maddie Rodriguez, a graduate student in Tyler, was hired to help with the Faculty Senate website. She starts next week.
 8. Adjournment was at 7:23 p.m.
 9. Next Meetings:
 - Representative Faculty Senate Meeting, Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 6:00 pm via Zoom
 - FSSC meeting, Tuesday, December 3, 2024, 1:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Kolodny
Secretary, Faculty Senate