

Faculty Senate Steering Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, October 1, 2024  
1:00 PM In Person: Conference Room 3B Conwell Hall, 3rd Floor  
Zoom Meeting: <https://temple.zoom.us/j/95062901236>

**Present:** Shohreh Amini (President, CST), Mike Bognanno (Vice President, CLA), Robin Kolodny (Secretary), Fauzia Ahmad (COE), Jason Gallagher (Pharm), Dale Haines (LKSM), Di Liu (CEHD), Lu Lu (STHM), Barry McCarthy (Law), Sabrina Minhas (TSPM), Michael Schirmer (FSB), Ryan Tierney (CPH)

**Absent:** Lisa Ferretti (SSW), Stan McDonald (CLA, Fac. Herald), Sharyn O'Mara (TYL), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD)

**Absent Excused:** Rafael Porrata-Doria (Past-President, Law)-sabbatical, Ron Carr (TUJ), Renee Fennell (KSoD), Matthew Miller (TFMA)-sabbatical

**Admin:** Cheryl Mack (absent)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes: September 17, 2024

Minutes approved unanimously.

3. Guest: Renée Tobin, Dean of the Graduate School - coming 2:15

Arrived at 2:12. Introductions.

Tobin: Came to Temple from Illinois State University, Psychological Studies Chair in College of Ed at Temple. Developed graduate programs here.

- -asking provost for a multi-year budget model, not an annual budget like now
- -meeting with associate deans, deans, program directors, etc.
- -biggest initiative is a needs assessment
- -task force about interdisciplinary programs – creating MOUs
- -looking at 4+1 programs, accelerated programs, etc.
- -enrollment management advances – moving everyone over to Slate from Recruit
- -international recruitment – we partner with QS
- -funding for master's students is up to schools and colleges themselves. International students respond better to “scholarship” than to “waiver”
- -updating policies and procedures
- -launching more professional development events
- -programs above available to post-doctoral fellows as well

#### 4. President's Report: Shohreh Amini

- a. had representative faculty meeting last week; guest TUJ dean Matt Wilson
- b. research day today in SAC in sciences; positive feedback about state of the research office; discussions on commercialization c. we have a full schedule now for fall for Senate meetings and FSSC
- d. new reps from Dental school – Renee Fennell and TUJ, Ron Carr
- e. Lectures and Forums committee want their description to be changed on the website
- f. Still waiting to hear about provost meeting for pre-tenured faculty

#### 5. Vice President's Report: Mike Bognanno

- Full-time faculty and librarians are eligible to sit on committees.
- Will email the committee chairs to ask about workload
- Fauzia Ahmad (COE) agreed to serve on University Research and Creative Awards committee
- Name of the Committee on Adjunct Constituency Concerns is now the Adjunct Advocacy Committee
- Suggestion that we get copies of last year's reports from each committee. We will ask 2-3 chairs to come to each FSSC meeting in the spring and ask them about the size of their committees, their agendas, etc.
- Candidates for committees:
  - Evangelia Bellas (COE), Cmte. Faculty Disabilities Concerns - approved
  - Sabrina Minhas (TSPM), Status of Women Cmte. - approved
  - Craig Brumwell (CST), Lectures & Forums Cmte., Student Awards Selection Cmte. - approved for both committees

#### 6. Old Business

#### 7. New Business

Discussion about Merit Committees at the department, college, and university levels. Which departments have merit committees? Why do some colleges allow chairs to assign merit to go to the college committee? Some colleges have separate NTT committees for merit.

We will ask a representative from the Vice Provost for Faculty's office to speak to us about merit procedures.

Point of information: The chair of the International Programs Committee of the Faculty Senate sends a letter to each member of the committee for merit consideration. [Should Shohreh do the same?]

#### 8. Adjournment – 3:01 p.m.

Submitted by Robin Kolodny, FSSC Secretary