

Faculty Senate Steering Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 15, 2024 – 1:00 PM
Hybrid
In person: Conference Room 3B, Conwell Hall
Via Zoom: <https://temple.zoom.us/j/95062901236>

Minutes

Present: Shohreh Amini (President, CST), Mike Bognanno (Vice President, CLA), Robin Kolodny (Secretary), Fauzia Ahmad (COE), Bill Cook (KMC)-zoom, Renee Fennell (KSoD)-zoom, Lisa Ferretti (SSW), Dale Haines (LKSM), Di Liu (CEHD)-zoom, Lu Lu (STHM)-zoom, Barry McCarthy (Law), Sabrina Minhas (TSPM)-zoom, Jason Norris (TFMA-interim), Sharyn O'Mara (TYL), Michael Schirmer (FSB), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD) Ryan Tierney (CPH)

Absent: Jason Gallagher (Pharm), Stan McDonald (CLA, Fac. Herald)

Absent Excused: Ron Carr (TUJ), Matthew Miller (TFMA)-on sabbatical fall 2024, Rafael Porrata-Doria (Past-President, Law)-on sabbatical fall

Admin: Cheryl Mack

1. Call to Order

Meeting began at 1:00 pm. Guests were in attendance

2. Approval of Minutes: October 1, 2024

Approved unanimously

3. Guests:

- Susan Cahan, Dean, Tyler School of Art
- Robert Stroker, Dean and Vice Provost for the Arts

The Deans explained that news of the closure of University of the Arts was sudden and the news story about the closing was the first time students heard about their school's issues.

The Deans indicated that everything moved quickly after May 31, 2024. Multiple processes happened at once about transfer of students from UArts to Temple, as well as teach out agreements for students who would have been seniors in fall 2024 at UArts.

The provost was directly involved. A form for prospective transfers was put up on Temple's website very quickly. University arranged to get UArts student transcripts – and it worked shockingly fast. Expedited a new degree program in Tyler (illustration) planned for fall 2025 launch - now taking place in fall 24.

Both colleges' staff and employees stepped up over the summer. Some programs adjusted. Only a handful of faculty from UArts were hired by either college. Boyer hired three academic advisors from UArts and that helped a lot.

The Deans learned from this experience that none/few of these students had applied to Temple. Thought it was too big for them, communities are tight knit within a larger institution. We are not marketing ourselves accurately to prospective students.

The Deans said they have not been involved in discussions about acquiring UArts buildings.

Noted that UArts SFF forms are better than ours. We should send an example to Jodi Laufgraben in the Provost's office.

Discussion about publicizing this good news. The student newspaper, *The Temple News*, has been writing about it. The Faculty Herald should run a story. There is also an article by the President of the Arts Alliance. Can we get this sent to us?

The remarks by the Deans illustrated what a thoughtful, fast and efficient job Temple, both central administration and the staff in Boyer and Tyler, did in helping the UArts students transition smoothly to main campus.

4. President's Report: Shohreh Amini

a. Trustees committees – are FSSC members fully included or not?

b. The President's office moved the time of the celebration of President Richard Englert on October 23rd to begin at 1:00 p.m., so our representative faculty senate meeting can take place at 1:45 p.m. Guests will be Board of Trustees Chair Mitch Morgan and Trustee Bret Perkins. Talking with the Trustees about the new president before he arrives in November is important.

c. Several faculty will present about the research office for the full senate online meeting on November 19th at 6:00 p.m. They will give a presentation – we will ask that it be no more than 40 minutes. Josh Gladden and others from the Research office will be in attendance and will respond.

5. Vice President's Report: Mike Bognanno

a. Sent an email to all committee chairs and asked about their work and time commitment as well as whether the size of their committees was appropriate.

b. Reviewed current committee vacancies

c. Decided to put the Committee on Continuous Revision of Faculty Handbook (which has no members now) on hiatus until we hear from VP of Faculty Affairs Jen Wood

d. Presented candidates for committees for a vote:

- Vladi Wilent (CST), Student Awards Selection Committee - approved

-Jeff Solow (Boyer), CATA - approved

e. Request for minor changes to charge for Lectures and Forums Committee for our website (included in meeting materials) – approved unanimously

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

Personnel Committee – waiting to elect a chair;
Jen Wood will report changes in College By-Laws in another body
The university must approve new by-laws for colleges

Philly Inquirer – editorial about Temple’s football program – to be circulated to FSSC members.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Next Meetings:

- Representative Faculty Senate Meeting, Wednesday, October 23, 2024 – 1:45 pm, Tuttleman Learning Center, Room 105
- Faculty Senate Steering Committee, Tuesday, October 29, 1:00 pm, Conference Room 3B, Conwell Hall

Submitted by,

Robin Kolodny
Secretary