

Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Tuesday, April 5, 2022 – 1:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Present: Kimmika Williams-Witherspoon (Pres., TFMA), Lisa Ferretti (V. President, SSW), Ashley Stewart (Secy., SSW), Quaiser Abdullah (KMC), Shohreh Amini (CST), Cheri Carter (SSW), 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: Rafael Porrata-Doria (Past-Pres., Law), Maia Cucchiara (CEHD), Ryan Tierney (CPH), Shinya B. Watanabe (TUJ), TBN (KSoD)

1. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 1:03 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes: March 22, 2022 (March 8, & February 15 from last meeting)

With 0 nays and 0 abstentions, the minutes of February 15th, March 8th, and March 22nd were unanimously approved as submitted.

3. President's Report: Kimmika Williams-Witherspoon

Updates from March 30th meeting with Provost:

- First round of interviews completed for Vice Provost, Faculty Affairs; Vice Provost, Strategic Initiatives; Dean of Law School and Dean of School of Medicine
- We are seeking faculty nominees to serve on search committee for the head of campus security/campus police. If interested, email VP Lisa Ferretti. Recommendations due to Ken Kaiser by Friday.
- Discussed tenure for NTTs. Provost is reconstituting the Strategic Initiatives Committee, and this may be one of the pillars from that committee
- EC presented its priorities from the shared governance recommendations: Collegial Assemblies; Deans' reviews matrix; faculty board member or shared faculty/board committee. Fourth priority is the Ombudsperson.

A discussion/explanation of the four priorities of shared governance followed.

Discussion of the upcoming revision of Faculty Senate Constitution and the possible inclusion of adjuncts into the Faculty Senate. There was extensive discussion of the issue. It was determined that it should remain on the agenda, and it was suggested that the newly created committee on adjunct constituency could address some of the issues and possible solutions once the committee is populated.

Faculty discount for sports events: Will faculty still be interested with a 20% discount and deducted from salary? It was suggested that the process be done more informally. Additional options were suggested. The president will take these ideas back to Arthur Johnson.

FSSC luncheon: unable to reserve space in the faculty club so lunch will be catered in Conwell Conference room 3B. Luncheon scheduled for April 19th. If you plan to attend, please rsvp in the chat.

Updates on the Task Force on Violence and the Task Force on Wellness. Both committees are now up and running. Quaiser Abdullah gave a brief report on the Violence Task Force and Lisa Ferretti briefly reported on the Wellness Task Force.

George Miller, our new editor of the Faculty Herald has signed the contract and hopes to get one issue of the Herald out before the end of the academic year. Kudos to the Faculty Herald Advisory Board for all their hard work on this effort.

4. Vice President's Report: Lisa Ferretti

RPPC pilot funding project now available for research agendas. Anyone interested in applying please reach out.

Still vacancies on some committees (see attached), please consider serving or reach out to your colleagues to serve.

Candidates for Senate Committees:

- Joshua Pongan, CLA, Honors Cmte – At-large member
- Jane Evans, TYL, Honors Cmte, At-large member (2nd term)
- Michael Sheridan, STHM, Univ. Research & Creative Awards Cmte. *

With 0 nays and 1 abstention, all three candidates were approved to appointments to the committees.

*[*Note: In August, 2022, Sheridan was asked to step down from Research and Creative Awards Cmte; NTTs not eligible to serve on this committee.]*

Jeff Solow: Bargaining Units Liaison Cmte. - have a name for the BULC, Nezar Al-Hebshi, Dentistry: 12 yes, 2 abstentions, 0 nays, approved.

5. Old Business:

Was shared governance recommendations discussed? Yes, covered earlier in the meeting.

6. New Business:

Question regarding the Ethics Committee: Any experience with Ethics Committee and in their response, they contacted (copied) a number of other people in the response?

Ridall email sent earlier today regarding an STHM class project; sponsored initiative selling tickets to Phillie Phanatic baseball game. \$30 for ticket, receive back \$12 food voucher and \$5 goes

back to STHM for student scholarship. Please feel free to share with friends, colleagues and your classes.

Ferretti reported for Porrata-Doria on Faculty Senate election results.

7. Adjournment:
Meeting adjourned at 2:28 pm.

Next Meetings:

- University Faculty Senate Meeting, Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 1:45 pm
- FSSC Luncheon, Tuesday, April 19, 2022 (lunch beginning at Noon)

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheryl Mack". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cheryl Mack
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