

Representative Faculty Senate Meeting
Tuesday, October 10, 2023 – 1:45 PM
Hybrid Meeting
Charles Library Event Center – First Floor

Attendance: Forty-nine (49) representative senators, faculty, administrators and guests in virtual and in-person attendance

Meeting minutes

1. **Call to Order:** President Shohreh Amini at 1:50pm/EST
 - a. Moment of silence for President Epps
2. Approval of RFS minutes for September 11th: approved 1:53pm/EST
3. Justin Kidd - Director of General Education at Temple University
 - a. Current Gen ED system in place since 2008
 - b. Going through a complete review of the program
 - c. Review was done in 2013; 3 years of review following
 - d. 2 external reviewers came in February of 2002
 - e. 27-person task force with representation from all colleges are currently reviewing the process, including Deans, faculty, and students (the 4 students are all juniors)
 - f. Looking at equity issues; how to create course proposals; do we have the right governance structure?
 - g. Questions and comments from the faculty:
 - i. **Question:** Are Tenure and Non-Tenure track faculty teaching Gen Ed?
 - ii. **Response:** They all should be, currently (primarily) NTT and adjunct faculty teaching
 - iii. **Comment:** Competition for Gen Ed courses between colleges in part for revenue as RCM is also a consideration and issue
 - iv. **Response:** Agreed
 - v. **Question:** Tenure line and Tenure Track need to be focused on other courses; NTT and Adjunct should teach most of the Gen Ed courses: how do we best balance the faculty teaching load?
 - vi. **Response:** Doing a complete review on all; looking at TT/T faculty teaching one Gen Ed course per year for the consistency of this
 - vii. **Question:** Are learning goals under review?
 - viii. **Response:** Yes, focusing on learning goals that can be actively assessed
 - ix. **Question:** Math replacements – what is the level of support for this now?

- x. **Response:** We do and are looking at options
Question: Is your office consulting with advisors from the other colleges (at Temple)?
- xi. **Response:** Yes
- xii. **Question:** SFF's Gen vs. Non-Gen, has it been separated and looked at differently?
- xiii. **Response:** It can't be done yet; can the assessment office do that is the question, but will be looked at to see
- xiv. **Question:** Any discussion about bringing back language instruction as a component/requirement of GenEd?
- xv. **Response:** It is strongly encouraged including cultural courses that generate interest
- xvi. **Question:** Is there a possibility of bringing back the freshman seminar option?
- xvii. **Response:** This should be up to each college to manage
- xviii. **Comment:** Freshman seminar on the college level is so important for freshman and transfers; this helps with retention of students
- xix. **Response:** Agreed that the option should be brought back; very likely to happen
- xx. **Question:** Async vs. Sync course comparison
Response: Async rank lower – looking a many ways to be creative for the best student experience
- xxi. **Question:** Timeline for completion of process
- xxii. **Response:** Estimated timeframe 2026/2027; the “New Gen Ed system proposal” will take a while; much buy in and approvals that must take place
- xxiii. **Comment:** Whatever changes are made needs to be very attractive to transfer students and incoming students
Response: Agreed; Provost notice went out last week about this process

4. **President's Report:** Dr. Shohreh Amini

- a. Mitch Morgan came to FSSC meeting last week; reviewed the president hiring process with the steering committee; we asked for transparency; invited President and Board of Trustee representatives to today's meeting, obviously not to be; special meeting with FSSC will take place separately
- b. Next FSSC Meeting next Tuesday (10/17), visitors are Arthur Johnson and Justin Miller from Athletics

5. Vice President's Report: Mike Bognanno

- a. VP Bognanno reviewed all current openings (see attached list of committee vacancies as found on the last page); expressed the need for committee involvement by the faculty senate during this critical time at Temple

1. Old Business: No Old Business

2. New Business: No New Business

3. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by President Shohreh Amini at 2:49PM/EST

Next Meeting:

Representative Faculty Senate Meeting, Thursday, November 9, 2023 – 6:00 PM (via zoom)

Respectfully submitted by: Rick Ridall, Faculty Senate Steering Committee Secretary

FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE VACANCIES FALL 2023 (As of October 6, 2023)

COMMITTEES	VACANCIES
Assessment of Instruction Committee Select from any except: CPH, PHARM, CLA, or STHM	3
Bargaining Units Liaison Committee FS- 2; TAUP- 1; Law- 1; LKSM- 1	5
Committee on Administrative and Trustee Appointments	1
Committee on the Status of Faculty of Color	3
Educational Programs and Policies Committee (EPPC) ELECTED At least six schools/colleges represented on committee. Largest School/College should have two faculty. No more than two faculty from each school/college may serve at any time. Select from any except: CEHD, CLA, CST, LKSM	1
Faculty Herald Advisory Board	2
Lectures and Forums Committee	5
Library Committee	4
Research Programs and Policies Committee	3 elected
Standing Committee on the Continuous Revision of Faculty Handbook 2- bargaining; 3- non bargaining	5
Student Awards Selection Committee (Provost Committee)	1

If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please send a brief statement of interest and bio link to senate2@temple.edu