

**Representative Faculty Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 22, 2023 – 6:00 PM**  
**Virtual meeting via Zoom**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:** Fifty-two (52) faculty, administrators and guests in attendance

**Guests:**

- Dr. Jennifer Griffin, VP of Public Safety
- Great Teachers: Dr. Karen Turner and Dr. Maria Lorenz

**Call to Order:**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

**Approval of Minutes**

- No Minutes Presented for approval

**Guest Speaker:**

**VP Jennifer Griffin**

- Expressed thanks for invitation to faculty senate
- Discussed process since starting at university: observe and learn about the organization (3 months); creating plan and developing public safety plan
- Next steps:
  - Fill vacancies (administrative positions) – Recruitment and accreditation examples mentioned
  - Recruit and retain new officer hires. 8 new graduates in the past week. 2 started academy recently. Takes approximately 1.5 years to recruit new officer (someone who is new to policing)
  - Shared updates on re-allocation of existing resources and securing buildings (access points)
- Requested feedback on public safety messages from the VP
- Questions/Comments:
  - Can you share thoughts on possible curfew for classes in the fall?
    - VP Griffin had no information on this as a proposal or a decision made by the university
    - No other faculty members expressed hearing this as a possibility
    - Faculty (same college) shared that the demand for evening classes was low and as such the decision was made to change the times of classes in Fox School
    - TUPD enforced city curfew on juveniles on campus (under 17) – based on the city curfew
      - Juveniles (non-students) in the area appeared as though they were about to break into vehicles. One had a screwdriver. TUPD intervened.

Some released to parents, some given citations and some released to service facility for retention and support

- Some faculty expressed appreciation for the letter and notices sent by VP Griffin
- What is the role of the security guards on campus? What is the response time for police? What is our role as faculty in intervening for certain events on campus?
  - Security guards are not trained or permitted to intervene. There are liability and contract challenges. Contract dictates that they are “eyes and ears.”
  - There is no stated policy for faculty or staff to intervene. That is a personal decision
- What information can be shared of theft of specific vehicle make and models?
  - Ability in Hyundai and Kia models to be stolen. Couple cars stolen from garage.
  - Suggested using steering wheel lock
  - Catalytic converters also being stolen. Suggested option for a catalytic converter cover.
- Were guards removed from parking lots?
  - TUPD does not facilitate guards in parking surfaces. Guards contracted and managed by Parking Services.
- Health Sciences Campus – What is done about people loitering. Can TUPD post a cruiser near the corner to manage public safety?
  - Clinics and services on HSC are open for public services
  - TUPD aims to make a presence when events are happening on HSC if they are informed
  - Officers now riding 2-patrol per vehicle. Impacts resource disbursement.
- What is the update on the incident where students overturned vehicles around Super Bowl time?
  - Most individuals involved have been arrested. Joint effort between PPD and TUPD. Some were students and some non-students
  - University provided resources and support for victims of the incidents
    - Faculty response: It is important to update on outcomes of cases
  - New website will have case updates
- What is Temple’s role in overseeing Allied Security? Who should incidents be reported to pertaining to Allied Security?
  - Close to 350 Allied Security personnel on campus
  - Contact TUPD if there are any issues with Allied. Allied Security manager on campus addresses concerns
- What are the updates on the individual who took the life of Sergeant Fitzgerald?
  - Suspect still in jail as the criminal justice process moves along

### **Great Teachers recognized and highlighted**

- **Professor Maria Lorenz (2022)**
  - Expressed appreciation and gratitude for award and recognition
  - Share perspectives on teaching and teaching philosophy
  - Encouraged individuals to get involved beyond Temple; teach a Gen Ed; teach a writing intensive course; engage CAT

- **Professor Karen Turner (2021)**
  - Shared overview of the courses she teaches in Klein
  - Shared perspectives on teaching and teaching philosophy
  - Shared best practices
- **Questions for Great Teachers**
  - What have been the most challenging thing you encounter in teaching?
    - Told by some White students that too much is discussed about race
      - Encourage students to engage a conversation with the professor

#### **Vice President's Report**

- Various openings on committees – Please encourage colleagues to apply
  - Need 4 members for EPPC
  - CATA members also needed

#### **President's Report**

- Shared update on upcoming safety practices
- Shared updates on Temple's Access Fund
- Slate for next election needs to be emerge in the near future
- Dean's reviews (2) starting in the fall
- Elected vacancies – Materials needed by end of business tomorrow (Statement of Interest, Link to bio)
  - EPPC – 4
  - RPPC – 3
  - Personnel – 1
  - Honors Oversight – 1
  - University Sabbatical - 6
  - UTPACA – 1
  - UTPAC - 2

#### **New Business**

- None presented

#### **Old Business**

- None presented

#### **Adjournment:**

- **Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

Quaiser Abdullah, Secretary