

Representative Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, November 17, 2022 – 6:00 PM

[Zoom recording of the meeting](#)

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Sixty-eight (68) representative senators, faculty, administrators and guests in virtual attendance

Guests:

- Jennifer Griffin, V. President for Campus Safety
- Jessica Drake and Ayesha Bell Hardaway, 21CP Solutions, Public Safety Organization

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Minutes: September 13, 2022

- Abstention – 1
- Minutes passed by majority vote (No – 1; Abstention – 1)

President's Welcome

- Introduced and welcomed guests

Guests Speakers:

- Dr. Jennifer Griffin – Vice President for Campus Safety
 - Introduced self and background. In current role for 2.5 months.
 - Discussed Listening Tour Stage (first 90 days)
 - Highlighted ongoing work (21CP Initiative; Active Assailant Training – Calendar will be open in future for departments to sign up; Community Engagement - Turkey Giveaway / Coat Giveaway)
 - Discussed Safety Tips and Programs (Walking Escorts; Guardian Apps; Adding lights and cameras on camera)
 - Questions:
 - Walking Escorts be added back to TUCC?
 - No escorts at Health Sciences and TUCC
 - Panic Buttons
 - Some panic buttons were made inaccessible during construction. Can call 1234 to test.
 - How does Temple support off-campus students?
 - Temple has extended into community over the years. (Campus Map to be sent).
 - PPD addresses incidents outside the patrol zone

- TUPD gets updates, information passed to Student Affairs for services
 - No current plans to expand patrol zone. Temple already polices outside the boundaries of the MOU
- TUCS Support
 - Flight Services
 - Will follow up on Guardian App availability at TUCS
- Temple Alerts
 - Clery Act mandates updates within the patrol zone and campuses
 - Issued for imminent threats so community can be aware
- Best Next Program indicate the properties that have best practices in safety. Intended to help parents make informed decisions
- 21CP – Ayesha Bell Hardaway and Roberto Villasenor
 - Shared personal background information
 - Discussed safety concerns. Recommendations to be submitted in 2023. Will look at policies and practices
 - Engaged a Listening Session with the Representative Faculty Senate (No notes recorded)

New Business

- Motion to Amend the Temple University Academic Calendar to Create a Civic Wellness Day to be held Annually on Election Day
 - Friendly Amendment – Change the language at the end of document to represent that the recommendation is from the Faculty Senate
 - **Motion to Accept Friendly Amendment – (Unanimous approval)**
 - **Motion Carries**
 - **Vote on Motion to Amend the Temple University Academic Calendar to Create a Civic Wellness Day to be held Annually on Election Day with the approved amendment – (1 abstention)**
 - **Motion Carries (See enclosures for full motion)**

President’s Report: Kimmika Williams-Witherspoon

- None presented

Vice President’s Report: Shohreh Amini

- None presented

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM

Respectfully Submitted
 Quaiser Abdullah, Secretary
 Faculty Senate

Motion to Amend the Temple University Academic Calendar to Create a Civic Wellness Day to be Held Annually on Election Day

Premises

- Whereas opportunity, discovery, and engagement are core values of Temple University, as stated in our mission statement;
- Whereas Temple University encourages students to engage in proactive and intentional efforts to build connections and relationships with their residential community;
- Whereas a petition for this change was signed by over 4,350 (4,387) people, including
 - 4,066 students,
 - 135 faculty,
 - 47 staff, and
 - 71 alumni, including State Representative Malcolm Kenyatta; Councilmember Isaiah Thomas; President of the Temple Law Alumni Association Vanessa McGrath; The Administrative Director and Co-Presidents of the nonpartisan Bucks County League of Women Voters; Leaders of Project HOME; The Executive Director of Hillel; Dr. Eddie Glaude; and Community members, parents, and family members;
- Whereas 47% of youth with college experience said the reason they did not vote was because they had a conflict on Election Day;
- Whereas 62% of young people believe that they have the potential to impact the world, and 83% believe they have the power to change the country;
- Whereas Philadelphia needs over 8500 poll-workers;
- Whereas in the area surrounding Temple University, three of the six polling locations available to residents do not offer parking, and only two offer handicap parking, according to Philadelphia Votes' list of polling places in Philadelphia;
- Whereas Temple University and its students can provide an unparalleled value to families in the region and serve as an essential resource to the surrounding community, as stated in our mission statement; and
- Whereas Temple University can realize President Wingard's goal to "create a culture where we are open and willing to try NEW things, SAFELY fail, and innovate through that LEARNING!"

The Temple University Faculty Senate calls for the Temple University administration to amend the academic calendar to create a Civic Wellness Day to be held every year on election day.