

## **Representative Faculty Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 13, 2022 – 1:45 PM**

### **Zoom Recording:**

[Representative Faculty Senate Meeting Recording - Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 1:45 pm](#)

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Attendance:**

Seventy-two (72) representatives, faculty, librarians, and guest speakers in virtual attendance.

### **Guests:**

- Denise Wilhelm, Interim Exec. Director for Public Safety
- Scott Sauer, COO and Jen Wallace, SEPTA Government Affairs
- Ken Giunta, Deanne DeCrescenzo, and Mary Boyle, Temple Parent and Family Council

### **Call to Order:**

- The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm

### **President's Welcome**

- Dr. Kimmika Williams-Witherspoon welcomed attendees
- RFS notified of plans to publish attendance records so all faculty are aware who their reps are so that shared faculty governance participant can be recognized
- Executive Committee introduced. Dr. Shohreh Amini introduced herself as VP of Faculty Senate. Dr. Quaiser Abdullah absent.
- FSSC representatives present introduced themselves

### **Approval of Minutes:**

- Approval of minutes postponed until next RFS meeting.

### **Vice President's Report: Shohreh Amini**

- Gave update on status of committees. Identified committees that are filled.
- Committees with vacancies identified. Asked for representative senators to send names to VP. Bio and statement of interest needed. (See below for vacancies)
- Invitation extended to adjuncts to serve on the committees that are authorized to have adjuncts serve
- Invitations extended to faculty to join university working groups and selection committees for administrative positions (VP of Research, Dean of Fox, and Shared Governance Working Group)

### **President's Report: Kimmika Williams-Witherspoon**

- Strategic Planning committee engaged at end of academic year. Pillars developed.
  - Transformative Opportunities for Students (Diversity and Recruitment)

- Future of Higher Learning (Curriculum Review and Internships)
- Research (Technology, AI, Research Grants)
- Community Engagement
- Communications (Alumni Development, Affinity Groups)
- Growth Management and Budget (Right-Sizing)
- Shared Governance (Working Group)
- Aspirational Goals (Vision for the future)
- Temple received major recognition for Diversity
- Provost Task Force groups convened (Violence Reduction Task Force; Mental health and Wellness Task Force)

### **Guests Speakers:**

- Denise Wilhelm – Interim Deputy Director for Public Safety
  - Introduced herself and work on task force. Highlighted presence of new VP of Public Safety
  - Patrol Area: 18<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> and Susquehanna to Jefferson; Broad and 13<sup>th</sup> to Girard. On the portal and website (Campus Safety)
  - Updates on campus safety initiatives (grant program to community partners to enhance safety – successful; more cameras deployed; FLIGHT Program; Walking Escort; Crime Reduction Grants; Parents Roundtable Continued)
  - Questions
    - Walking Escort at TUCC?
      - Leadership change at TUCC. Will be evaluated.
    - How is the relationship between students and community and safety officers?
      - Room for improvement. Things have been improved because of engagement in the community.
    - Were safety updates added to TUportal due to feedback?
      - Yes, series of conversations showed that community wanted more information.
    - Can frequency of campus shuttles be increased?
      - Usage was minimal. Will bring up with Campus Operations
    - Can you share about the Alerts?
      - Notify community that something has happened so that people can “change their behavior” with respect to the area under consideration. Crime log posted on the website daily, including disposition of the crime.
    - What can faculty do to be part of the solution?
      - Call Campus Safety if anything comes up. We prefer to be there if something comes up instead of not being present and something is happening.
- Deanne DeCrescenzo, Assistant Dean of New Student and Family Programs & Kenneth Giunta, Family Council
  - Kenneth Giunta
    - Introduced self and Family Council (parents of students at Temple)

- Introduced the Communications Committee
  - Presented PowerPoint on Family Council (see presentation attached)
  - Members apply and are vetted by administration. Need to commit to two years.
  - Discussed activities of the Council and introduced the Parent & Family Portal that have over 40,000 subscribers.
  - Desire to consult with Faculty Senate
- Mary Boyle discussed role of family Council
- Amy Sweeney discussed the Communications Committee
- Parents who coordinated private patrols were not an official project of the Family Council
- Guardian App (Rave Guardian) available for use – Tool for real-time interaction with the safety center
- Scott Sauer, COO, SEPTA
  - Discussed SEPTA’s service and partnership with university
  - Highlighted safety protocols considering COVID – Ridership increasing September 2022
  - Highlighted new crime prevention strategies (increased pay, recruitment, reassignment to platforms)
  - SEPTA Transit Watch app available; 30,000 cameras in system; call boxes on platforms
  - Hired 50 social workers to support vulnerable populations who interact with the subway systems
  - Virtual patrol – Active monitoring of cameras
  - SCOPE Program integrates services for residents experiencing housing insecurity; increased cleaning frequently
  - Service times shifted; no fare increases
  - Question and discussion on how Temple can participate in SEPTA’s Key Advantage program

**Adjournment:**

- **Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm**

Respectfully Submitted

Quaiser Abdullah, Secretary

Faculty Senate

*(See attached for committee vacancies on next page)*

**Temple University Faculty Senate  
Committee Vacancies – Fall 2022  
(Updated September 7, 2022)**

COMMITTEES	VACANCIES
<a href="#">Assessment of Instruction Committee</a>	<i>Pending</i>
<a href="#">Bargaining Units Liaison Committee</a>	<b>1 TAUP rep</b>
<a href="#">Committee for International Programs</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Select from: Tyler, Fox, Dentistry, Boyer, Social Work, Tourism/Hospitality Mgt.</li> </ul>	<b>3</b>
<a href="#">Committee on Administrative and Trustee Appointments</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Select from any except: Med School, Social Work, Fox, Law, Sport, Tourism/Hosp Mgt</li> </ul>	<b>1</b>
<a href="#">Committee on the Status of Faculty of Color</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Select any except: Medical School, Science/Technology, Liberal Arts, Business, Media &amp; Communication</li> </ul>	<b>2</b>
<a href="#">Educational Programs and Policies Committee (EPPC)</a> <b>ELECTED</b> 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. No Professional school may have more than one <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Select from any school EXCEPT: Liberal Arts, Education, Music &amp; Dance, Business or Medical School</li> </ul>	<b>1</b>
<a href="#">Faculty Herald Advisory Board</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Select from any except: Business, Liberal Arts, Public Health, Social Work, and Media &amp; Communication</li> </ul>	<b>2</b>
<a href="#">Faculty Senate Status of Women Committee</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Select from any except: Engineering, Liberal Arts, Science &amp; Technology, Education &amp; Sport, Tourism/ Hospitality Mgt.</li> </ul>	<b>1</b>
<a href="#">Lectures and Forums Committee</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Select from any except: Media/Communication, Art/Architecture, Public Health, Medical School</li> </ul>	<b>4</b>

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<p><a href="#">Research Programs and Policies Committee</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Select from any except Medical School, Public Health, Art/Architecture, Pharmacy, Business, Engineering</li> </ul>	1 - Elected
<p><a href="#">Standing Committee on the Continuous Revision of Faculty Handbook</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Select from any except Law School</li> </ul>	2- bargaining 2 – non bargaining
<p><a href="#">Student Awards Selection Committee</a> (Provost Committee)</p>	3
<p><a href="#">University Sabbatical Committee</a> (Provost Cmte.) <i>(No more than one faculty member per school/college may serve at one time. Must be members of TAUP unit)</i> Select from any except Liberal Arts, Klein College, Sport, Tourism/Hosp. Mgt., Education, Tyler</p>	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](mailto:senate2@temple.edu)