

Representative Faculty Senate Meeting
Monday, February 24, 2020 – 1:45 pm
Minutes

Attendees: (to be added)

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: The President called the meeting to order at 1:47 PM.
2. Approval of Minutes: The President called for any additions or changes to the minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.
3. Guest Speakers:
 - Coach Rod Carey, Temple Football (slides to be added)
 - Coach Carey presented information about the history and the progress of the Temple University Football Program. Carey presented information about the academic performance of athletes and the diversity of student players in terms of their academic programs. Carey expressed that graduation success rates and academic progress rates for students were high. Carey also discussed the mission of the football team “earn a degree, give-back and win – in that order” – student players provided 1646.5 hours of community service to the local area as of January 24, 2019. Carey has a program that targets development of players holistically with a summer and an off-season program. Coach Carey described the five principles to build and strengthen culture that is taught to student football players. These include: trust, defining success clearly, identify the behavior, learn to love setbacks, and safe zone for debate. These principles build on the Temple culture. The Coach asked for questions.
 - A question was raised about the academic progress rate definition. The Coach defined this as the measured progress toward degree completion.
 - A second question was raised about opting out of Canvas site related to student athletes and Coach Carey reported that you can still opt-out if desired.
 - Another question was raised about the idea that the schools that spend the most money do the most winning. The Coach responded that at a very high level that may be true but it is not what drives the Coach in his work with students.
 - Professor Shinya B. Watanabe, Faculty Senate President of Temple University Japan
 - Professor Watanabe presented an overview of the Temple University Japan campus which is new. Professor Watanabe presented a video about the campus. Watanabe reported that the campus serves 1300 students annually, has 11 undergraduate majors, offers 280 courses each semester and has 118 faculty in the program.
 - Professor Watanabe was asked to describe the experience on the Temple Japan Campus. Watanabe reported having 3 different degrees from Temple and has had a very long relationship with the University where he began his career working as a part-time faculty in art. Watanabe is interested in beginning master’s level programming

now that they are in the new facility. The campus lends itself to collaboration between the majors who are sharing the same space.

- Urooj Nizami, University Libraries (Library's Textbook Affordability Program)
 - Nizami presented on the Textbook Affordability Program (insert web link). The main purpose of the program is to support students through savings on textbooks over traditional methods. This is a grant based program available to faculty. Awards range between \$500 and \$1500. The goal of the program is for faculty to select, access and customize open access textbooks rather than commercial textbooks. This reduces costs for student and supports experimentation with pedagogy. The Center for the Advancement of Teaching is offering a 3 session course to faculty on open access student assignments. The webpage has information and an online application process.
 - A question was asked about the use of the grant award for the development of non-traditional course content. Applications are due by March 25th.
 - A question was asked about the advantage of a digital course pack vs. development of a Canvas source. Nizami responded that the difference is minimal and both remove barriers to access for students.
 - A question was raised about the ability to reprint open source materials. Nizami responded that open source content is licensed differently and can be reprinted.

4. President's Report: Rafael Porrata-Doria

Item 1: The President announced the recipients of the Faculty Senate Outstanding Faculty Service Awards. These include Maurice Wright, Boyer College of Music and Dance; Gerald Stahler, College of Liberal Arts; Paul LaFollette, College of Science and Technology; and Ellen Walker, School of Pharmacy.

The names of the recipients of the Faculty Senate Service Awards will be announced at the next Representative Faculty Senate Meeting.

Item 2: The Director of the Care Team and Associate Director of Disability Resources and Services will attend and present at the next meeting of the Representative Faculty Senate meeting on March 25th.

Item 3: The President opened the meeting to questions.

A question was asked about the deadlines for the Faculty Senate Outstanding Faculty Service Award. The President explained the process for this year and the limitations of it and also that the deadlines will be much earlier next year.

5. Vice President's Report: Kimmika Williams-Witherspoon

Item 1: The Vice President announced the vacancies for this spring and asked members to consider membership and explained the process for becoming members of committees. The Vice President also reviewed a large number of vacancies expected for fall including committees where members must be elected.

The Vice President also expressed the importance of service and ongoing discussions on our ability to recognize this important service.

The President noted that as a former member and chair of the Budget and Personnel Committees the information presented in each committee was a very good way to gain understanding of how the various parts of the University work together. Specifically, the Personnel Committee manages very important issues including tenure and promotion and faculty discipline – members of the Committee must be tenured faculty.

A clarification was made that under the new contract there is specific information about the representation of NTT faculty on any committee where decisions related to NTTs is at issue. The President explained the review process of the Personnel Committee – this is not a decision making body. The Faculty Senate Constitution and By-laws state that Personnel Committee membership is made up of tenured faculty. A

6. Old Business

None noted.

7. New Business

Item 1: Mark Rahdert, Chair of the Nominations Committee, described the process for nominations for the coming year for Faculty Senate Officers and other elected positions. Before the March meeting the full slate of nominees will be disseminated for consideration and review. For elected committee positions, you must submit your name and statement of interest through the Faculty Senate website.

Rahdert reiterated the importance of membership and engagement on all committees.

8. Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded. A unanimous vote followed and the motion was carried. The President adjourned the meeting at 2:52PM.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 19, 2020 - 1:45 PM

Respectfully submitted: Lisa A Ferretti, Faculty Senate Secretary