

Representative Faculty Senate Meeting
November 17, 2021– 1:45 PM
Minutes

Attendance: Fifty (57) faculty, representatives, librarians, and administrators in virtual attendance

Guests: - Matthew Wilson, Dean of TU Japan
- Mary Conran, TU Rome
- Louis Mangione, Director, Center for Chinese Language Instruction (CCLI)

1. Call to Order

President Williams-Witherspoon called to order at 6:01 PM. The President welcomed everyone.

2. First Order of Business: Approval of Minutes of October 11, 2021

President William-Witherspoon distributed the minutes from October 11, 2021, before the November 17 meeting. The President called for any additions, changes, or comments. There was a request for an amendment to the October 11 minutes. A member made a motion to accept the minutes with the amendment. The motion was seconded, and after a vote, the motion was carried. The minutes were accepted for the record.

3. Guest: Mary Conran, TU Rome

Updates and Information:

For more details, [please see the recording](#) [starting 9:53-19:55]

Study Abroad in Rome

In Spring 2020 just under 300 students were studying at Temple Rome. We were able to host courses online from Rome, thanks to a faculty of about 70 faculty. There were adaptations that needed to be made to ensure student and faculty safety.

The Temple Rome program continues to have great reach. Closely following COVID-related precautions, the program continues to demonstrate our ability to provide students with global competencies. The numbers of enrollment remain consistent.

4. Guest: Matthew Wilson, Dean of TU Japan

For more details, [please see the recording](#) [starting 20:40-44:00]

Temple University Japan Campus was established in 1982. One thousand five hundred undergraduate students in Tokyo and approximately 100 students abroad. There are 300 graduate students and approximately 2,000 other learners benefiting from the TUJ campus.

There is an active search for TUJ faculty, and TUJ also welcomes new staff members. TUJ welcomes Dr. Yasuko Taoka as the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Leslie Tirapelle as the Associate Dean of Library and Learning Innovation.

Several Goals for TUJ were presented. 1) Exceptional experience by quality academic experience, 2) global-ready students (TUJ emerging leaders program), 3 & 4) Increased versatility and innovation (including adding new faculty), and 5) greater collaboration.

5. President's Report: Kimmika Williams-Witherspoon

- Acknowledgment of Native and Indigenous Heritage Month and acknowledgment of Veterans Day.
- Reminder for SFS and a reminder that the drop date was extended to the last day of the semester.
- Reminder about the Inauguration of President Jason Wingard.

6. Vice President's Report: Lisa Ferretti

- There is a need to fill a vacancy for the University Tenure and Promotion Advisory Committee.
- There is an opening for the Faculty Herald editor position. The call for the Faculty Herald editor was put in the chat.

6. Old Business

- Review of the changes made to the Faculty Senate bylaws by the Faculty Senate Steering Committee. Changes included "Two representative student senators selected by the students from the membership of the Representative Students' Education Program and Policies Committee..." (p.4). "In the case of Vice Provost and Associate Deans of the Graduate school, the faculty members participating in the identification and selection of candidates shall be selected by the Graduate Faculty in consultation with CATA" (p.5). "Faculty Senate Committee Chairs can periodically invite guests to Committee meetings as needed. Guests are defined as persons with particular interest and/or information relevant to the work of the Committee..." and greater clarification of guests (p. 6&7). Changes were approved.

7. New Business

Nothing further.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Next RFS Meeting: January 26, 2022 at 1:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Stewart Faculty Senate Secretary