

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Wednesday, April 14, 2021 - 1:45 pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Fifty-seven (57) faculty, librarians, and administrators in virtual attendance
Guest: Richard M. Englert, University President

1. Call to Order

The President of the Senate called the meeting to order at 1:45 PM and welcomed the assembly.

2. Approval of Minutes of December 8, 2020

The President asked for any comments, additions, or revisions to the meeting minutes. There being none a motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded, and the measure was put to a vote. The motion passed.

3. Guest: Richard M. Englert, University President

The President welcomed University President Englert. Englert's remarks included:

- Englert thanked the faculty for an amazing year.
- Englert noted the loss of Dean Daley and the significant loss this represents to the University. There will be a memorial on campus in June to honor Dean Daley's memory. President Englert and Provost Epps have met with leadership at LKSM and have asked for nominations for Interim Dean; interviews for the position are beginning today. A selection is expected in the very near future.
- Englert made comments about the impact of the pandemic. More than 100,000 people have been tested throughout the pandemic and the current positivity rate is below 1%. There are currently 5 sites for vaccinations including the Temple Health, CPH, LKSM, Black Doctors Association are utilizing Liacouras Center with our support and another location for students and community members at White Hall.
- In terms of the budget, Englert noted that the University has received federal stimulus funding. These funds have gone directly to students, loss revenues and testing, PPE, and vaccinations. On balance even after the stimulus funding Temple is still in a deficit of approximately \$72m. Summer and Fall enrollments may impact this deficit overall. Temple is very successful in graduating students in 4 years and that has an impact on the budget and a very positive impact on students. Enrollment is expected to be down overall this year. Budget cuts at the unit/school/college are being asked to plan for a 3 – 5% overall cut to the budget.
- Englert noted that despite the challenges facing Temple as a result of COVID there has been great success in terms of scholarships, fellowships, and research. In addition, Englert noted the success of our students as awardees in many national competitions.

Englert noted that faculty preparation of students has aided in their success. Englert also noted the success of our student athletes and that 91% of our athletes graduate.

- Englert also thanked the leadership of the Faculty Senate including great thanks to Rafael and Kimmika for their work on the COVID Cabinet and other critical committees.

A question and answer period followed Englert's comments and included:

- A question was asked about mandating of COVID vaccinations. At this point and due to the Emergency Use Authorization of the currently available vaccines this may not be possible. Englert noted that Temple continues to encourage everyone eligible to be vaccinated.
- A question was asked about the Confucius Institute and when the Institute will close. Englert noted that the Institute has been given a 6 month time to closing and noted again that the goals of the Institute have been met. New partnerships with other institutions in China are forming.
- A question was raised about what we have learned from the past year and the changes we have all experienced. Englert noted that faculty is best positioned to consider how program delivery has changed and what makes sense to carry forward. Englert noted that administratively we will likely be more strategic in terms of in-person meetings. Englert noted that athletics will likely change in some ways as will the more impromptu campus interactions. Englert said there will be changes but that how we change lives will likely never be 100% online.
- A question was raised about "anti-Semitic statements" made by M. Lamont Hill. Englert said that this person is one of our colleagues and as an institution we support the first amendment rights of people to express their views. Englert noted this is a complicated issue and he is respectful of the varied views on this issue.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the Faculty Senate President presented President Englert with a certificate of appreciation from the Faculty Senate Steering Committee. Englert thanked the assembly and said, "it has been an honor and a privilege to serve in this role."

4. President's Report: Rafael Porrata-Doria

Item 1: The President announced the results of the Faculty Senate Elections. Please see attached.

Item 2: On April 1st at the University Faculty Teaching, Service and Scholarships ceremony several faculty members were recognized for their outstanding service. Please see attached for the list of honorees.

Item 3: The President announced the Faculty Senate Service Awardees asking each to make a brief statement: For the list of awardees please see attached. Concluding the presentations, the President thanked each of the recipients for their dedication to faculty service and noted the importance of this service for Temple and our broader community.

Item 4: The President recognized faculty who are retiring at the end of the academic term and asked for each member to make a comment if they desired to do so. The list includes:

Faculty Retirees - Academic Year 2020-2021

- Theresa Glennon, Beasley School of Law
- Leonard, Greenfield, College of Liberal Arts
- Gerald Vision, College of Liberal Arts
- John Schiller, College of Science & Technology
- Scott Sieburth, College of Science & Technology
- Gerald Silk, Tyler School of Art & Architecture

Pending

- James Korsh, College of Science & Technology
- Dennis Silage, College of Engineering
- Howard Spodek, College of Liberal Arts
- Joel B Sheffield, College of Science & Technology
- Masaaki Kotabe, Fox School of Business & Mgt
- Nancy Morris, Klein College of Media & Communication
- Jay Fagan, School of Social Work
- Lois Millner, School of Social Work
- Stephanie Knopp, Tyler School of Art & Architecture

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

Item 1: The Vice President stated that "faculty service is faculty leadership" and thanked all the faculty for their service. The faculty commented on the excellent service and honored this service by naming the 74 faculty members serving on committees.

The Vice President shared the current list of committee vacancies and asked for members to consider joining a committee and/or encouraging their colleagues to do so.

The Vice President noted her overwhelming thanks for faculty senate service during the past two years.

The Vice President thanked Cheryl Mack, Coordinator of the Faculty Senate, for her service and support.

M. Rahdert, thanked Kimmika for her service and wonderful work and commitment to faculty service.

The Faculty Senate President thanked everyone for their work, service, and support during his tenure. The Vice President thanked for the President for his service.

6. Old Business

None noted.

7. New Business

A question was asked about an update on the University Presidential Search. The President noted that it is expected that the work on the Search Committee has advanced and is expected to conclude by the end of the semester.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded, and the measure was put to a vote. The motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 2:46 PM.

Faculty Senate meeting schedule for Academic Year 2021-22 to be posted to Faculty Senate website shortly.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Ferretti, Faculty Senate Secretary



Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Election Results

Total Eligible Voters: 2351 – Total Voted: 244 (10.38%)

President

- ✓ Kimmika Williams-Witherspoon, School of Theater, Film & Media Arts
Votes: 221

Vice President

- ✓ Lisa Ferretti, School of Social Work
Votes: 213

Secretary

- ✓ Ashley Stewart, School of Social Work
Votes: 212

Educational Programs and Policies Committee

- ✓ Melissa Auerbach, College of Liberal Arts
Votes: 207

- ✓ Seema Freer, College of Science and Technology
Votes: 191

Senate Personnel Committee

- ✓ Susan Dickey, College of Public Health
Votes: 194
- ✓ Vallorie Peridier, College of Engineering
Votes: 193



Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate and the Provost commend faculty who perform outstanding service to their schools, colleges, and the university community. The Outstanding Faculty Service Award recognizes faculty service contributions and highlights the importance of faculty participation in the governance of the institution. This official recognition of outstanding service may encourage a culture of participation and engagement in institutional activities.

Congratulations to our 2021 awardees!

Faculty Senate Outstanding Faculty Service Awards (FSOFSA) Recipients

Shohreh Amini, College of Science and Technology

Cynthia Folio, Boyer College of Music and Dance

Mark Rahdert, Beasley School of Law

Daniel Szyld, College of Science and Technology

Faculty Senate Service Awards (FSSA) Recipients

Steven Balsam, Fox School of Business

Leonore Carpenter, Beasley School of Law

Joseph DuCette, College of Education and Human Development

Lisa Kay, Tyler School of Art, and Architecture

David Lebo, School of Pharmacy

Jane McDevitt, College of Public Health

Alisah Nypaver, Boyer College of Music and Dance

Adrienne Shaw, Klein College of Media, and Communication

**Faculty Senate Committee Vacancies
As of April 14, 2021**

See <https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees> for committee information

Vacancies subject to change

COMMITTEES	VACANCIES
Committee for Administrative and Trustee Appointments https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees/committee-administrative-and-trustee-appointments-cata-2020-2021	4
Educational Programs and Policies Committee (ELECTED) <i>At least six schools/colleges represented on committee. Largest School/College (CLA) should have 2 faculty. No more than 2 faculty from each school/college may serve at any time. Select one from CLA; select from any other school/college except College of Educ./Human Dev.</i> https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees/educational-programs-and-policies-committee-2020-2021	1
Faculty Herald Advisory Board https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees/faculty-herald-advisory-board-2020-2021	1
General Education Executive Committee (GEEC) https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees/general-education-executive-committee-2020-2021	5
Lectures and Forums Committee https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees/lectures-and-forums-committee-2020-2021	2
Personnel Committee (ELECTED) <i>Should be tenured professor to serve on this committee</i> https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees/personnel-committee-2020-2021	2
Research Policies and Programs Committee (ELECTED) and Appointed https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees/research-programs-and-policies-committee-2020-2021 <i>(Six appointed terms must be scattered 2 and 3-year terms)</i>	2-Elected 4-App't'd
Standing Committee on the Continuous Revision of Faculty Handbook https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees/standing-cmte-continuous-revision-faculty-handbook-2020-2021	1-non barg. 2-barg.
Student Awards Selection Committee (Provost Cmte.) https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees/student-awards-selection-committee-2020-2021	3
University Tenure and Promotion Advisory Committee (Provost Cmte.- ELECTED) <i>Only tenured full professors may serve on this committee. (No more than 2 faculty members from any school/college may serve at any one time. Faculty shall serve a two-year term. Term for this committee begins in the Fall semester.</i> https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees/university-tenure-and-promotion-advisory-committee	
UTPAC-A: Humanities and the Arts <i>(select from any sch/coll except TYL. CLA)</i>	2
UTPAC-B: Sciences, Life Sciences and Engineering <i>(select from sch/coll except CST)</i>	1
UTPAC-C: Social Sciences, Business and Law <i>(select from any except CEHD)</i>	1