



Annual Report 2024-2025
to the
University Senate
from the
Senate Lectures and Forum Committee
8 August 2025

Dear members of the Senate Executive Committee,

Please find below the annual report of activities of the Faculty Senate Lectures and Forum Committee.

The committee met several times during the academic year to consider eight proposals for funding. It awarded funds to five of the eight proposed lectures and forums, totaling \$3,250. It thus stayed below the allocated annual budget of \$5,000.

The committee applied the following criteria for evaluating proposals:

1. The event had to be of interest to the university community at large.
2. The topic had to address either public or academic interests
3. The main speaker of the event had to come from outside the Temple University community
4. Applications for forums could receive amounts higher than the designated \$500 per event.

The committee consisted of the following members:

- Petra Goedde, CLA, Chair
- Bradley J. Baker, STHM
- Craig Brumwell, CST
- Lauren Farmer, CLA
- Anne Russ, CPH
- Wendy Thompson, CLA

The committee funded the following lectures and forums:

1. Lee-Ann Chae, Department of Philosophy, \$1,000: for a transnational conference on how to preserve constitutional democracies. The conference was a collaboration between the Temple Philosophy Department and the University of Glasgow, Law School.
2. DaVonti' DeAngelo Haynes, School of Social Work in partnership with the Temple Black Student Union, \$500: for an event featuring Dyana Williams, radio host and journalist.

The event was a collaborative community conversation on diversity, cultural heritage, and social advocacy. The event was part of Black History month and open to the public.

3. Debra K. Blair, STHM, \$750: for an event addressing women in sports. The invitees were academics from universities with a similar profile as Temple's. The organizers hosted Dr. Ajhanai Keaton and Dr. Katie Sveinson from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
4. Nilgun Anadolou Okur, CLA, \$500, in cooperation with the Senate Status of Women Committee, for an event about strategies to increase women faculty's visibility and recognition in Academia. The organizers invited Victoria McGuigan, an educational consultant and advocate for neurodiversity in education.
5. Alexa Firat, CLA, \$500: for inviting a speaker for an event featuring the writer Ghassan Abou-Zeineddine, Assistant Professor of creative writing at Oberlin College. The author addressed issues featured in his writing, including the Arab American immigrant experience, identity, and belonging. The event formed part of the university's series on writers of color.

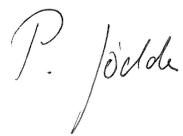
The three **rejected proposals** did not meet one or more of the above criteria and were therefore not eligible for funding. They were:

1. Geraldine Weinstein, Kornberg School of Dentistry, for an event that introduced Dental Students to the use of 3D print technology. The topic was not sufficiently broad to reach beyond the community of dental students and no speaker was identified.
2. Ryan Eanes, Klein School of Communication, for providing insufficient information about the nature of the event and the speaker.
3. Elizabeth Thomas, CPH, for an event primarily featuring Temple faculty and staff.

Looking ahead:

The committee so far received one proposal for a planned event in the 2025-26 AY. In order to increase the pool of proposals and actively encourage faculty members to plan events of broad interest to the university community, we suggest more frequent email blasts to the university community to advertise the availability of these funds.

For the committee



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