

The FSSW Annual report (Faculty Senate Status of Women Committee)

April 30th, 2026

Members: Dr. Amini, Dr. Olena, Dr. Sabrina and Sarah Cordes.

Chair: Dr. Nilgun A. Okur

We congratulate the new Faculty Senate Officers, as well as our Dr. Amini as the interim dean of the CST.

Following careful preparation and planning in fall 2025 we had our Second Annual Women's Wellness Conference at Temple University on March 26, 2026.

The conference flier and program are attached for your review.

Our goal is to increase our membership ranks and bring important wellness issues to our faculty's attention, on main campus, with brilliant speakers such as Dr. Amini, Dr. Synder and Dr. Petra Goode.

One of the reasons why attendance at the committee level: the increased workload of faculty throughout Temple, in addition to family and health concerns which have increased this year as opposed to previous years. Service is not considered "meritorious" work at Temple. This is another reason faculty do not seem to be attracted to committee work.

The FSSW had two meetings each semester. These were zoom meetings due to limited time of the members. At our second meeting on April 27, we focused on the conference for the next year. Conversation continues to schedule on a Wednesday, rather than a Thursday, through a webinar, and have the key note speech during noon time, serve pizza due to lack of funds, do not pay honorariums, as we did only once during the first year. We plan to attract more attendees. Dr. Sabrina suggested that we can have 2 or 3 lectures, 30 minutes each, and the keynote speech will take place at noon.

We will continue meetings in fall 2026 and finalize the conference theme (2027) in November 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Nilgun A. Okur