

Faculty Senate Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 18, 2026
1:00 to 3:00 PM EST, Conwell 3B
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Minutes

Present in person: Shohreh Amini (President, CST), Mike Bognanno (Vice President, CLA), Robin Kolodny (Secretary), Xu Jiang (CEHD), Gareth Jones (STHM), Barry McCarthy (Law), Jason Norris (TFMA), Rafael Porrata-Doria (Past-President, Law), Michael Schirmer (FSB), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD)

Present via Zoom: Fauzia Ahmad (COE), Chad Curtis (TYL), Jason Gallagher (Pharm), Dale Haines (LKSOM), Sabrina Minhas (TSPM),

Absent: James D. Brown (TUI)-excused, Renee Fennell (KSoD), Stan McDonald (CLA, Fac. Herald) Lisa Ferretti (SSW), Deborah Racano (KMC), Ryan Tierney (CPH)

Admin: Sean Starosta

1. Call to Order: The meeting began at 1:04 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes: December 3, 2025: Approved Unanimously
3. President's Report: Shohreh Amini
 - a. Update on Provost's Advisory Search Committee with President Fry prior to the selection of the Provost.
 - b. Report on research symposium held on campus
 - c. Possible invitation from the president's office to interview Chief Operating Officer (COO) finalists forthcoming.
4. Discussion of Old Business
 - a. Rafael Porrata-Doria discussed the need for volunteers for the nominating committee. Mike Schirmer agreed to join as did Jason Gallagher.
 - b. Members of the Faculty Senate Service Award Committee asked who notifies the winners and other nominees. Only one award category's (FSOFSA) winners have been notified.
5. Vice President's Report: Mike Bognanno
 - a. Motion to approve Jody Hay's appointment to the EPPC for the remainder of this academic year. Motion was seconded, and approval was unanimous.
 - b. Report on committee vacancies and discussion of populating the ballot with nominees for elected positions on committees.
 - c. Update on the Budget Model Committee. The details are very important due to the different needs of undergraduate and professional programs.
 - d. Discussion about checking in with the Federal Impact Advisory Committee about guidelines for taking a Temple University-issued laptop on international travel.
6. Guest: Dustin Kidd - Update on General Education Reform

- a. Kidd joined the meeting at 2:00 p.m.
- b. Announced a new Canvas Site dedicated to information on how introductory courses in the major can count for Gen Ed. All faculty can self-enroll. *General Education Departmental Course Proposal Process*
- c. Expect to take a proposed policy for the new Gen Ed program to the Board of Trustees this summer.
- d. Discussion of the difference between the Gen Ed Steering Committee and the Gen Ed Task Force.
- e. Discussion about FSSC reviewing the policy document before it heads to the Board.

7. New Business

- a. A conversation about Task Forces – body encouraged our president to invite the Provost to the next Representative Faculty Senate meeting on February 24 to discuss task force status.
- b. Jason Gallagher discussed the Anti-ICE Resolution circulated to the FSSC for adoption at the RFS meeting.
- c. Sabrina Minhas announced that the next Symposium on the Status of Women will be on Thursday, March 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Details to follow.

8. Adjournment – at 3:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Kolodny, Faculty Senate Secretary