

Faculty Senate Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2026
Conwell 3B
MINUTES

Present in person: Mike Bognanno (Vice President, CLA), Jason Gallagher (Pharm), Robin Kolodny (Secretary), Sabrina Minhas (TSPM), Jason Norris (TFMA), Barry McCarthy (Law), Rafael Porrata-Doria (Past-President, Law), Michael Schirmer (FSB), Ryan Tierney (CPH)

Present via Zoom: Fauzia Ahmad (COE), Chad Curtis (TYL), Dale Haines (LKSOM), Renee Fennell (KSoD), Xu Jiang (CEHD), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD).

Absent: James D. Brown (TUI)-excused, Stan McDonald (CLA, Fac. Herald) Lisa Ferretti (SSW), Deborah Racano (KMC), Shohreh Amini (President, CST)-excused, Gareth Jones (STHM),

Admin: Sean Starosta

1. The meeting began at 2:10 p.m. and was chaired by Vice President Mike Bognanno as President Shohreh Amini was unable to attend.
2. The minutes from the March 25, 2026, meeting were approved unanimously.
3. Vice President Bognanno discussed the status of the Faculty Senate Committees. Some meet more regularly than others. A goal for this body for AY 26-27 is to examine the utility of all our committees.
4. Guest Al Checcio, Senior Vice Provost for Institutional Advancement (with Christopher Brittin and Melissa Zabrowski) attended the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Checcio explained that we are 1 year into a new era for Temple Philanthropy. Previously, we raised about \$100 million a year, though we should be raising three times that. In AY 24-25, we raised 133 million. This year (25-26) we have already raised \$156 million with the 4th quarter still to go. In the last two years, we have had the 3 largest gifts in university history.

IA wants a good relationship with faculty. They need to know about opportunities for funding so they can match donor interests.

Guests departed at 3:13 p.m.

5. Old business. None.

6. New business.

Mike Bognanno asked members to contact him with ideas for next year. Emails on any topics welcome.

Ideas mentioned were: Central Needs Hub (Deanne DeCreczenzo).

Jason Gallagher announced an open session for faculty, staff, and students about Middle states accreditation on Tuesday April 14, 2026, from 11-11:45am at Bell Building 306. Dr. Reha Shackelford, Vice President for Institutional Field Relations for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), will convene the meeting. She is our primary liaison with MSCHE during our self-study process.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.