

Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Meeting

October 1, 2025 – 1:00 pm – 3:00

MINUTES

Present: Shohreh Amini (President, CST), Mike Bognanno (Vice President, CLA), Chad Curtis (TYL), Robin Kolodny (Secretary), Fauzia Ahmad (COE), Renee Fennell (KSoD), Jason Gallagher (Pharm), Dale Haines (LKSOM), Gareth Jones (STHM), Di Liu (CEHD), Barry McCarthy (Law), Sabrina Minhas (TSPM), Jason Norris (TFMA), Rafael Porrata-Doria (Past-President, Law), Deborah Racano (KMC), Michael Schirmer (FSB), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD), Ryan Tierney (CPH)

Absent: James D. Brown (TUJ)-excused, Lisa Ferretti (SSW), Stan McDonald (CLA, Fac. Herald)

Admin: Sean Starosta

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.
2. Guest: David Boardman, Interim Provost; Weegie Esten, Deputy Provost
 - The provost discussed the nine task forces he established on a variety of issues. The task forces are listed in an email sent to all faculty.
 - The provost recently approved hiring for faculty lines and shared this information with the Deans.
 - To meet budget goals, there are more cuts/reorganization in service departments.
 - The announcement of recent funds raised is restricted mostly to scholarships and capital projects. Al Checcio is now the permanent director of Institutional Advancement.

The Provost and Deputy Provost departed at 1:51 p.m.

3. Guest: Jose Aviles, Admissions
 - Vice President Aviles arrived at 2:02 p.m.
 - Updates on Temple's enrollment situation for fall 2025 compared to previous years were shared.
 - The problem of student retention, especially for students with the lower high school academic records, is being handled through this office. The Student Success Center now reports here.
 - The Navigate system is a new addition to our retention efforts. Vice President Aviles offered to schedule a demonstration for the FSSC and/or RFS in the spring term.
4. Approval of Minutes: September 3, 2025
 - The minutes were approved unanimously.

5. President's Report: Shohreh Amini
 - Update on Provost's Search: applications are beginning to come in. The pool of candidates is diverse so far.
 - Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Jen Wood is working with the President on tenure and promotion standards given the current environment for awarding of grants.
6. Vice President's Report: Mike Bognanno
 - Three nominees need approval for the University Tenure and Promotion Advisory Committees
 - For University Tenure and Promotion Advisory Committee - A (Humanities and Arts):
Douglas Duckworth CLA
 - For University Tenure and Promotion Advisory Committee – C (Social Sciences, Business and Law)
Subodha Kumar, FSBM
Tim Fukawa-Connelly, CEHD

The slate was approved unanimously.

7. Old Business
8. New Business
 - One FSSC member asked if we could schedule one of our regular meetings at the Health Sciences Campus.
9. Adjournment: 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Kolodny, Secretary, Faculty Senate