

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, December 11, 2025, 1:00 – 2:45 p.m.
HYBRID MEETING
In Person: Center for Anti-Racism, 140 Mazur Hall
[Via Zoom – Click here to register in advance for this meeting](#)

AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m.
2. Approval of UFS minutes of April 17, 2025; approved with one abstention
3. Guest: John Fry, President of Temple University; David Boardman, Provost of Temple University
 - a. The President and Provost updated the group on a number of searches
 - i. Provost [should have appointment in March]
 - ii. Sr. Vice President of Administration & Finance [March-April]
 - iii. Law School Dean Search [end of January]
 - iv. Engineering Dean Search underway
 - v. Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education – interview candidates in January
 - b. Budget model review and recommendations – NCUBO
 - i. new budget model will increase interdisciplinary work
 - ii. RCM encouraged inertia
 - iii. new model will avoid:
 - a. across the board cuts
 - b. last-minute cuts
 - iv. President Fry says it is important to educate the faculty about the budget.
**We should arrange this for the Faculty Senate.
 - c. Strategic Planning Process – Finalizing
 - i. Will hold workshop with the Board of Trustees next week (Shohreh Amini will be in attendance). Priorities will be: 1) student success; 2) research; 3) place-based impact
 - d. Provost Task forces: Boardman said he left it up to the task force chairs to decide about the extent of their outreach to the community at large (such as publicizing their membership lists)
 - e. Campus Development Plan (Fry)
 - i. Fall 2027 – completion of the Kimmel Performing Arts Center
 - ii. Terra Hall – spoke about capital funds from the state

- iii. expand capacity for sciences
- iv. Health Sciences – New Outpatient Center
- v. Selective acquisition of properties
- vi. Review of Ambler campus
- vii. K-12 education & affordable housing – working with neighbors to the east and west
- f. Development
 - i. Raised \$134 million last year: on track to reach \$160 million
 - ii. Will launch a campaign – need to raise \$200 million a year.
 - a. student scholarships
 - b. endowed professorships
 - c. buildings
 - d. athletics
- g. Starting graduate union negotiations early
- h. public safety study due next week
 - i. focus on recruitment
 - ii. will be expensive
- i. Discussion about international programs and expansion. – Matt Wilson and Emilia Zankina will be here in late January.
- j. Fry says downward trends in liberal arts are bad for society
 - i. wants to identify faculty to re-imagine the future of social sciences and humanities at temple.
- k. Next 3 years at Temple will be hard. We have eaten into budget reserves, and he will not do that any longer. Need enrollment growth and cut expenses.
- l. Discussion of how to get Temple to be a 24-hour campus
 - i. affordable student housing – west of campus more challenging [landlords] than east of campus

Guests departed at 2:17 p.m.

4. President's Report: Shohreh Amini
 - a. Update on Provost's Search – FSSC and collegial assembly chairs to meet with Candidates Jan/Feb.
5. Vice President's Report: Mike Bognanno
 - a. Update about current committee vacancies; will provide information on the website about those vacancies to members
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Kolodny, Secretary, Faculty Senate