

Representative Faculty Senate Meeting  
Wednesday, March 19, 2025 – 6:00 PM  
Via Zoom ONLY

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Approval of February 24, 2025, RFS minutes

The minutes were approved unanimously

3. Guest: Jennifer Griffin, Vice President for Public Safety

VP Griffin joined the meeting at 6:13 pm.

She provided an update on public safety initiatives at the university, including the new TU Safe App and improvements in police equipment and campus cameras. Other new technologies include a gun detection system and an interactive training simulator.

TU Safe App includes features like emergency calling, a panic button, a friend walk, and health resources. The app has been downloaded 8,000 times. Faculty members should download the App and encourage students to use it. Emergencies can also be reported through the TU Safe app using photos and text features. Griffin will share a video demonstrating how to use the TU Safe app.

Griffin clarified the roles of security guards and campus police and emphasized the importance of reporting issues to the dispatch center.

While Temple is in an urban area with some safety challenges, most students who are cautious never have problems. She emphasizes that crime is an issue in all cities and universities. She also informed us about scheduling self-defense workshops and funding for private landlords to improve security.

4. President's Report: Shohreh Amini

The President reported that a research event on cybersecurity and AI was poorly attended. She suggests better communication is needed to improve participation.

She discussed announcements of recent leadership changes at the university, including the provost stepping down and an interim provost being appointed. A national search for a new provost will be conducted, with faculty representation on the search committee.

Next week (March 25, 2025), the Faculty Senate Steering Committee will meet with Michael Gebhardt to discuss faculty role in CATA and faculty participation in Board of Trustees committee meetings.

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, the Faculty Senate Steering Committee will meet with the NACUBO consulting firm regarding university budget models.

5. Vice President's Report: Mike Bognanno

Committee vacancies were reviewed. There is discussion about reinvigorating the LGBTQIA committee.

6. Old Business

Upcoming Events: Faculty on the Status of Women on March 27, 2025. Cheryl will circulate the conference brochure to the faculty.

7. New Business

There will be a Sustainability Symposium at Fox on April 1, 2025.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Last Meeting of the Academic Year:

University Faculty Senate Meeting, Thursday, April 17, 2025 – 1:45 pm (Hybrid)

In-person: Classroom 301AB, Tuttleman Learning Center

Via Zoom: Register in advance

Respectfully submitted,

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