

Faculty Senate Steering Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 17, 2019
3B Conwell Hall
Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Present: Rafael Porrata-Doria (Pres., Law), Kimmika Williams-Witherspoon (V. Pres., TFMA), Lisa Ferretti (Secy, SSW), Quaiser Abdullah (KMC), Betsy Barber (STHM), Teresa Gill Cirillo (FSB), Maia Cucchiara (COE), Sue Dickey (CPH), Rob Fauber (CLA), Paul LaFollette (Fac. Herald, CST), Salim Merali (Pharm), Sharyn O'Mara (ART & ARCH), Vallorie Peridier (Engr), Mark Rahdert (Law), Carmen Sapienza (LKSM), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD), Cheryl Mack (Coord.)

Absent:

Shohreh Amini (CST), Austin Leong (KSoD)

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of December 3, 2019 were unanimously approved as submitted.

President's Report – Rafael Porrata-Doria

Brief agenda for today. Three items:

1. Update on the conversation regarding the seed money grant. Funds awarded by RPPC in 2010 but not all funds were spent. To whom should funds be returned? After a brief conversation with Michelle Masucci, Vice President for Research, it was decided that funds could be transferred to Faculty Senate budget. Masucci also stated that there are other funds available if the Senate would like to do other lectures and presentations. Options for money: 1) Give to RPPC and they could find something to do with it; 2) Give to Lectures and Forums Committee; or 3) keep it and see if we can come up with a lecture/forum or presentation through the Faculty Senate.

Discussion of the funding led to some questions/comments regarding the Senate Lectures and Forums Committee. The charge for the L/F cmte is to facilitate faculty for speakers and to host but it doesn't seem like the mission is being followed. Would like to change the charge to have requirement of a theme; currently only for honorarium. Can announce funds via listserv with decisions of awards by end of January. Also, would like to take a portion of the budget and have one lecture for something that is meant for the University. Could put out a call for proposals and have someone manage with possible support from the Provost. From Rahdert: Another suggestion would be a forum, *Temple planning, TU in 10 Years* in order to be involved with the planning process for the university. Also, possibility of larger forum however, this may be too

large and costly. In addition, the Diversity Symposium (large event) is scheduled for October 2020. Perhaps some funding could support a host speaker for the Symposium.

Decision: The Lectures and Forums Committee will come up with some ideas for programs and a proposal for changes to the L/F charge. Proposal will be reviewed for approval by the FSSC.

2. Received email from President and Provost inviting to the new faculty reception taking place in January. Requested that the Faculty Senate President have a few minutes to speak to new faculty. Provost Epps agreed and asked that he coordinate with Betsy Leebron-Tutelman.
3. Discussion of spring semester meetings and possible speakers for the meetings.

Reminder : special meeting February 25th with MiddleStates Accreditation team with the FSSC. Meet with FSSC 1:30-3:00 then with Executive Committee 3:00-3:30. Jodi Levine-Laufgraben wants to discuss with FSSC. Invite her to the February 18 meeting.

Other invites:

1/21/2020, Leavitt, Picone and DuCette, FSSC meeting

1/28/2020, Michelle Masucci for Rep. Senate meeting

2/04/2020, Football Coach Rod Carey (tentative), Rep Senate meeting

Provost Epps as guest at one other meeting of FSSC or FS

4/15/2020, UFS meeting, no guests. Agenda to include Faculty Service Awards ceremony; recognition of retiring faculty and Senate committee reports

Thoughts for other guests: Perhaps bring in some of the deans; Stroker was well received. There followed a discussion of invitation to deans. What is the purpose of bringing in deans? Answer: They could get to know us and begin a relationship with the Senate. Also, to talk about what the schools/colleges are doing with other schools, students and community. Suggestions: Perhaps start with newer deans; ask them about faculty governance; invite School of Medicine to discuss structure
Perhaps Stroker to return to discuss the Arts. Maybe come to the FSSC, fall 2020

Other suggestions for guests:

Dan Berman, V. Provost for Undergraduate Education

Rebecca Collins, Director of Sustainability

Tiffenia Archie, Asst. Vice Pres., IDEAL

Zeb Kendrick, Vice Provost, The Graduate School

Steve Nappi, Assc. Vice Pres., Technology Transfer

4. Vice President's Report – Kimmika Williams-Witherspoon

Lisa Ferretti (SSW) Secretary, candidate for Faculty Herald Advisory Board
Motion to approve and seconded. Ferretti appointed to FHAB.

Jeff Doshna (TYL) has expressed interest in serving on the FHAB; waiting to receive materials

Discussion of Faculty Herald:

Paul LaFollette has agreed to serve as editor until June 2020.

Charles Library has agreed to digitize hard copies of the Faculty Herald. Current hard copies are housed with Steve Newman, former editor of the Herald, old issues from Faculty Herald office, Faculty Senate office, Charles Library and Harrisburg campus. Items to be addressed for the future of the Herald

- Position Description for the editor of the Herald
- Branding
- Restructure
- Next issue

Discussion of emailed issue with the scheduling of summer session classes. Inconsistency with course schedule; classes varied by 1-2 days.

Also noticed there is only one study day for spring as opposed to two days. RPD will contact Weegie Esten, Provost Office about these items.

Nominations Committee: Mark Rahdert has agreed to serve as chair for the nominations committee. Now need volunteers to serve on committee for spring 2020:

- Quaiser Abdullah
- Betsy Barber
- Sue Dickey

Presentation of gift to Cheryl Mack, Faculty Senate Office Coordinator and thanks for her assistance throughout the year.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm

Submitted by
Cheryl Mack, Senate Coordinator