

Representative Faculty Senate Meeting
Monday, September 16, 2019– 1:45 pm
Kiva Auditorium, 1st Fl., Ritter Annex
Videoconference: HSC, MERB 342 – AMBLER, LC301

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Representative senators and officers: 20

Ex-officio: 0

Faculty, administrators and guests: 8

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President at 1:50 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes of February 26, 2019

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the February 26, 2019 meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded. A unanimous vote followed. The motion was carried.

3. Guest: Jonathan Nyquist, Director of General Education (GenEd)

Guest speaker Jonathan Nyquist presented information about several items including a student photo competition entitled “Grit and Beauty” that utilizes photography to tell the story of the Philadelphia experience.

Nyquist provided a history and context for the GenEd program at Temple. And then described six initiatives of the GenEd office which included: 1) Course Coordinators; 2) Improving recertification; 3) NEW: Limited Edition GenEd classes; 4) Helping students see the importance of GenEd; 5) Data Dashboards; and 6) Philadelphia Experience (PEX).

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

Question: What do you think the role of Course Coordinators should look like in terms of continuity and learning outcomes? Response: GenEd Best Practices Manual for Course Coordinators was developed and provides the standards of practice for data collections. Grade inflation was also noted and is a part of the work of the GenEd office.

Question: Would the new Limited Editions courses possibly become a fully adopted GenEd courses? Response: Yes, it will be possible for a Limited Adoption GenEd course to become permanent.

Question: Will the Limited Edition GenEd courses be smaller than some of the bigger sections? Response: There is not currently a limit on the size of the Limited Edition courses.

Question: To your knowledge, do you know if GenEd Course Coordinators are being compensated or not? Response: This varies based on the Dean of the College.

Question: For Limited Edition courses is it the intention that the faculty member teach the course each of the 3 required times? Response: You must be a full time faculty member to propose and teach the course. The Instructor can vary by offering.

Question: How has the Philadelphia Experience been promoted to students and faculty? Response: This was a well-known feature of GenEd but in recent years there has been a decline in participation. We have started to promote it at student orientation. Suggestion: It would be beneficial to promote to all faculty as a means to increase submissions and participation. Speaker comment: Course Coordinators are beginning to do this and information about the program is available on the website at gened.temple.edu

4. President's Report: Rafael Porrata-Doria

Item 1: Traditionally the meeting of the entire University Senate has been during the December reading/exam period and late in April/May in the spring semester. This seems to be leading to lower participation. This year the meeting will be November 14, 2019 to address these concerns. Provost Epps will be the guest speaker for this meeting.

Item 2: For the October Faculty Senate Representative Meeting we would like to better understand the issues and items that the Faculty Senate would spend its time working on and how best to do this. How can we make the Senate a better instrument of Faculty Governance?

Item 3: For the Faculty Senate Representative meeting on December 11th our guests will be President Richard Englert and Dean Robert Stroker.

Item 4: The one item of business is an approval of the amendments to the Faculty Senate By-Laws. These amendments have been circulated prior to the meeting for review by all faculty in two formats. The amendments were first considered by a sub-committee of the FSSC and then approved by the full FSSC. The reason for the amendments was to address the outdated language related to outdated committees and/or practices. The President called for any further questions or comments. There being none a motion was made to accept the documents as amended. The

motion was seconded. A unanimous vote was recorded, and the motion was carried.

5. Vice President's Report: Kimmika Williams-Witherspoon

Item 1: Please refer to the list of vacancies on faculty committees. The VP read the full list of vacancies and provided specific information where needed.

Item 2: The Lectures and Forums Committee has a small pool of funds to provide honoraria for guest speakers. The application is available.

6. Old Business

The President called for any old business. There was none noted.

7. New Business

The President called for any new business. There was none noted.

8. Adjournment

The President called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made and seconded. A unanimous vote followed. The motion was carried and meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Next Meeting: Representative Senate meeting, Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 1:45 pm, Kiva Auditorium, Ritter Hall Annex