

Representative Faculty Senate Meeting
Wednesday, December 11, 2019 – 1:45 pm
Kiva Auditorium, 1st Fl., Ritter Annex
Videoconference: HSC, MERB 342 – AMBLER, LC301
Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Representative senators and officers: 26

Ex-officio: 1

Faculty, administrators and guests: 6

1. Call to Order – the President called the meeting to order at 1:52 PM

2. Approval of Minutes – minutes from the September 16, 2019 were distributed via email for review prior to this meeting. The President called for any additions or amendments. A motion was made to accept the minutes, the motion was seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

3. Guests

a) Richard M. Englert, University President

- President Englert offered remarks related to the Fall 2019 semester and on the future of Temple.
- Englert thanked those assembled and all faculty and staff for our collective success and also commented on the pride that our students expressed to him about their experiences at Temple.
- President Englert reported that our student athletes' graduation rate is 90%. Our academic success is on par with top universities across the country.
- Englert reported that approximately \$275m of research annually is managed by Temple University and that many of our students are involved in research.
- In terms of service, our health and medical systems provide \$70m of care to our local community in North Philadelphia.
- Students have reported that students are actively utilizing the Charles Library which is a hub for campus life for students and faculty alike.
- The campus will continue to change and grow to provide for student and faculty growth.
- Englert congratulated the negotiating teams from TAUP and Temple for their efforts and success on the new contract.
- Middle States accreditation teams will be on campus next semester. This will provide an opportunity for us to showcase our success and to learn about areas we can improve.
- Western rule of law is being taught in China through our Law School. Our new facility was opened in Japan moving us from a corporate location to a university campus. Both represent opportunities to build bridges with global partners.
- Reporting on future directions for Temple, Englert noted the need to showcase our work at Temple and increased competition for a smaller pool of domestic students. This is an

opportunity for us to work together to find the best ways to highlight our work and demonstrate the value of Temple University.

- In addition, the President also noted the possibility of shrinking state government budgets and the possible impact on our institution. We will also need to increase our fundraising efforts and donations.
- Englert reported that the Board of Trustees began an effort to consider strategic long-term direction to support Temple's growth. Our faculty and students are the core of our innovation and are critical to our thriving in the future. More information on this process will be forthcoming.
- The sale of Fox Chase Cancer Center to Jefferson will provide more investments to the Center and to Temple Health. There may be other ways that we can collaborate and dialogues on this topic are ongoing.
- President Englert again expressed his gratitude and asked for questions from the group.
 - A question was posed about our football team. Englert noted that one strength of our athletics is that our program is not built on personality but on our student athletes and their success academically and athletically. In addition, the President noted that we are in discussion with the Philadelphia Eagles about continued use of their facility. An on campus stadium is still proposed and preferred but will not happen in the immediate future.
 - A second question was raised about the maintenance of our relationships with the community at a time when we need to expand our pool geographically. Englert responded that this is a priority and that the Board of Trustees and others continue to invest in our local communities. In addition, we continue to provide scholarships within our surrounding neighborhoods and the goal is to deepen our roots within the community going forward.
 - A third question requested that faculty and student representatives are included on the strategic long-term planning process. Englert stated that more information will be forth coming.
 - A fourth question related to the Fox Chase sale and will there be opportunities to work with Jefferson to continue our relationships for students.
 - A fifth comment addressed an effort to consider fund raising that addresses the efforts of the University as a whole and within the schools/colleges.
 - Affordable student housing is important and we need to consider this going forward. The President reported that there are meetings ongoing related to this issue.

b) Robert Stroker, Vice Provost and Dean, Center for the Arts

- Stoker provided a presentation and overview of the Center for the Performing and Cinematic Arts. Stroker described the two components of the Center including the Boyer College of Music and Dance and the School of Theater, Film and Media Arts.
- There are currently 1987 students and 345 faculty (both full and part time). The programs have grown 19% in the past several years. We are planning ahead for the next 10 -20 years including increasing our international and our out-of-state students and at the same time continuing to support students in the Philadelphia.

- The Center is focused on diversity in the classroom both students and faculty.
- The Center creates opportunities for students through accomplished alumni.
- To learn more about available programming please go to events.temple.edu
- Rites of Swing Jazz Café club takes place in the TPAC lobby every Thursday during the fall and spring semesters from 4:30 – 6:30 PM.

4. President's Report: Rafael Porrata-Doria

- a) The President reported on the Faculty Senate Service Award restructuring. The President outlined the changes to the awards. A copy of the announcement and guidelines are available at this meeting and were distributed via email as well.
- b) The President thanked all in attendance for participating in the work of faculty governance and wished everyone a happy holiday.

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

- a) The Vice President reported on the outstanding list of senate committee positions.
- b) The Vice President echoed happy holiday wishes to the membership and thanked them for their service.

6. Old Business

None noted.

7. New Business

None noted.

8. Adjournment

The President called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made and seconded to call the meeting to a close. A unanimous vote followed and the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted - Lisa A Ferretti, Secretary, Faculty Senate

Next Meeting: Representative Faculty Senate, Tuesday, January 28, 2020, 1:45 pm