

Faculty Senate Steering Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 7, 2021– 1:00-3:00 PM
Minutes

Attendance:

Present: Kimmika Williams-Witherspoon (Pres., TFMA), Lisa Ferretti (V. President, SSW), Ashley Stewart (Sect. SSW), Rafael Porrata-Doria (Past-Pres, Law), Shohreh Amini (CST), Cheri Carter (SSW), Maia Cucchiara (CEHD), Jason Gallagher (Pharm), Dale Haines (LKSM), Robin Kolodny (CLA), Barry McCarthy (Law), Sharyn O'Mara (ART & ARCH), Vallorie Peridier (Engr), Rick Ridall (STHM), Michael Schirmer (FSB), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD), Shinya B. Watanabe (TUJ), Cheryl Mack (Coord.) TBN (KSoD)

Absent: Quaiser Abdullah (KMC), Ryan Tierney (CPH)

1. Call to Order

President Williams-Witherspoon called to order at 1:04 PM. The President welcomed new members of the Faculty Senate Steering Committee and provided them the opportunity to introduce themselves. Ashley Stewart, Barry McCarthy, Michael Schirmer, Dale Haines, and Cheri Carter introduced themselves to the steering committee.

2. Approval of Minutes of April 20, 2021

President Williams-Witherspoon distributed the minutes from April 20, 2021, meeting before the September 7 meeting. The President called for any addition, changes, or comments. There were none, and a member made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed. The motion was seconded, and after a vote, the motion was carried, and the minutes were accepted for the record.

3. Guest: President Jason Wingard, President of Temple University

The President of the Faculty Senate introduced the President of the University. Questions were submitted for President Wingard in advance and presented during the meeting. Members raised additional questions during the meeting.

Points from President Wingard's Introduction

- Two months in the role.
- His goal is to take Temple to the next level, and he acknowledged that Temple is already excellent.
- Extending the brand of Temple University
- Engaging with the Philadelphia community in a new and different way. Curriculum and teaching and learning must be best-in-class and increase readiness for the future of work (new discipline, merging disciplines, updating curriculum, updating modalities).
- Establishing a new cabinet and a new scope of work for President and Provost.
- Desiring a pathway to faculty, policy, and closer relationship with faculty senate.

Questions President responded to:

-What is his definition of ready to work (employed)— what does it look like?

1. He suggested that the curriculum should be informed by original research.
2. He suggested examining the ways that we teach, updating modalities (hybrid/case studies). He emphasized understanding the competencies employers require and encouraged us to ask ourselves if people can learn those in our programs?

-Requested an update on the graduate school professional development opportunities:

1. He suggested he will be elevating the scope of work for the provost.

-Do you envision Temple using RCM moving forward?

1. He suggested that by definition, RCM seeks to apply resources to those who generate resources; however, his philosophy is that we must share resources so that the whole boat rises. He proposed that there can be an RCM model that provides autonomy and still centrally manage funds and diversify resources that benefit all.

-Requested update on a timeline for a new athletic director:

1. He updated that we are making strides toward a shortlist for the following week. There is urgency in this process.

-Requested update on bringing a stadium to Temple:

1. He suggested that it might seem like a stadium is not suitable for the community; however, data shows otherwise. He would be in favor if the University could do it right. He emphasized he feels it's most important to engage with the community in a meaningful way.

-What is his vision of leadership and best practices for Deans?

1. He suggested asking what it means for best-in-class at Temple specifically and assess it across Schools to support Dean's advocating for funds and opportunities for our Schools to be leaders.
2. As a follow-up, where do we see TU? He hopes that we will be the best and define what is best to speak to it and brand it, thereby setting the bar.

-How might there be a collaboration between Faculty Senate and the President suite?

1. He proposed a call to action to us to be present and engaged.
2. He acknowledged/confirmed that Deans don't attend faculty senate meetings— he wants to know how the Faculty Senate can utilize its platform the best way possible.
3. He suggested he wants Faculty Senate to be advisors by way of committees, attending meetings, and being present. He would like for Faculty Senate to be a tool for engagement and he supports partnership.
4. He poses the question to Faculty Senate: How can you help us to be better?

4. President's Report: Kimmika Williams-Witherspoon

Item 1: Revision of the faculty handbook. Rafael, Lisa, and Kimmika reviewed it with the new Faculty Provost in a meeting.

Item 2: Request for three volunteers for the TUA [alumni association] committees:

Sharyn elaborated that it is for folks who are deeply enthusiastic about the University. It is a two-year commitment.

Volunteers:

1. Rafael Porrata-Doria
2. Jeffrey Solow

Item 3: Request for two volunteers to for the Placement Assessment Committee:

Volunteers:

1. Valorie Peridier
2. Cheri Carter

5. Vice President's Report: Lisa Ferretti

Item 1: Voting for consultants on committees:

Valdes – tabled

White – tabled

Anderson – 2 abstention 0 nays – appoint to RPPC

Shoemark – 0 abstentions 0 nays – appoint to GEEC

Har-el Yah-el – 0 abstentions 0 nays – appoint to RPPC

Neptune – 1 abstention 0 nays – appoint to GEEC

Newman – 0 abstentions 0 nays – appoint to FHAB

Item 2: Non-voting Representatives

Student Affairs, Dale Haines

Budget and Finance: Robin Kolodny

Facilities: Sharyn O'Mara and Michael Schirmer

6. Old Business

None noted.

7. New Business

A conversation began around whether or not to permit consultants or limit the number of consultants who can participate.

Reflection of President Wingard's remarks.

Nothing further.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 PM.

Next Meeting: Representative Faculty Senate September 14, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Stewart Faculty Senate Secretary