

University Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, December 12, 2024 – 1:45 PM
Charles Library Event Center, Room 102

MINUTES

Attendance: Seventy-nine (79) representative senators, faculty, librarians and administrators in attendance.

1. Call to Order; the meeting began at 1:47 PM

2. Guests:

President John Fry explained his leadership style and interest in coming to Temple:

Committed to shared governance – F&M and Drexel

Prizes collegiality even where there are differences

Temple's mission sets us apart

Never worked for a public university before

He won't wait to take action (i.e. no 100 days to study the institution)

President Fry identified concerns based on what he has already learned from Deans:

- work on developing a new strategic plan for Temple University
- concern about the institution's focus on crisis management rather than sustainable growth

- Major fundraising campaign for 150th anniversary of Temple/s founding
- develop plans for integrating Temple University and Temple Health System.

- Campus safety
- Rethink the collective mission of Temple and our neighbors
- Need to explore opportunities for community engagement and development along N. Broad Street

- Review and potentially revise the Responsibility Center Management (RCM) budget model. It's been 10 years. Huge review starting in January.

- Increase international students and transfer students
- Ambler campus
- How do we address other institutions of higher ed struggling in the region?
- Explore the potential for interdisciplinary research and co-hiring as ways to bring together diverse expertise = faculty hiring/graduate programs, etc.

Fry commented on positive developments:

- Great new performing arts center

- Enrollment encouraging
- Going to Kyoto campus opening

President left at 2:34 p.m.

Provost Gregory Mandel – began speaking at 2:35 p.m.

He reported on several ongoing projects:

- continue monitoring and improving enrollment and student success initiatives
 - the first-year class is tracking a little bit more positively in those who get one unsatisfactory rating in mid-term course reports from the faculty
 - spring class registration is slightly behind last year ~about 1%. Anticipate spring registration will be on par with last year's.
 - including the overhaul of the enrollment process and the introduction of a new position for student success
- improving coordination between the university, schools and colleges for undergraduates; cultivating the best data
- will finalize and send out communications to international students regarding potential travel restrictions
- improve feedback mechanisms between faculty and student support services regarding at-risk students
- continue efforts in expanding digital education opportunities and attracting non-traditional age students

Concluded his remarks at 2:58 p.m.

3. Approval of University Faculty Senate minutes of April 17, 2024
Minutes approved at 2:59 p.m.
4. President's Report: Shohreh Amini
 - a. Summarize discussion of FSSC Executive Committee meeting with the provost
 - b. Provost Mandel to secure a permanent space for Faculty Senate meetings.
 - c. Faculty Senate to follow up on the proposal for faculty member presence at Board of Trustees Executive Committee meetings
 - d.
5. Vice President's Report: Mike Bognanno
 - a. Progress made on committee vacancies
6. Old Business
7. New Business
 - a. Faculty Senate to organize an event in March, planned by the Committee on Lectures and Forums, in collaboration with the women faculty.
8. Adjournment at 3:03 p.m.

Robin Kolodny
Secretary