

University Faculty Senate Meeting
April 17, 2024 – 1:45 PM
Center for Anti-Racism, 140 Mazur Hall
[Zoom recording link](#)

Minutes

Attendance: Fifty-five (55) representatives, faculty, administrators and guests in virtual and in-person attendance.

Call to Order:

President Amini call the meeting called to order at 1:50 pm

1. Presentation on Climate in Curricula: Teaching for the Future of Work and the World

Presenters: Mohammad Kiani, Mechanical Engineering, Marissa Cloutier, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Rob Kuper, Landscape Architecture

Overview

- **Climate Change:** Discussion of climate change since 2012, highlighting the urgency to act within the next 10-15 years.
- **Policy Needs:** Rational policies on energy, agriculture, and deforestation.

Current Situation

- **College Applicants:** 59% consider green commitment in their application decisions.
- **Temple University:** Decrease in sustainability courses over the past five years. Majority of students graduate without basic climate change knowledge. Climate change is not mentioned in Temple's strategic mission.
- **Student Feedback:** Surveys indicate students feel they lack sustainability and climate change content in their courses. Peer institutions have more sustainability programs.

Recommendations

1. **Faculty Training:** Using models like the [Piedmont/Ponderosa Project](#)

2. **GenEd Component:** Implement a general education requirement.
3. **Interdisciplinary Programs:** Create or bolster degree-granting programs and certificates.

Faculty Training Model: Piedmont Project

- **Components:**
 1. Duration, timing, incentive
 2. Attendee preparation, initial and return commitment
 3. Structure participant attendees
 4. Goals, objectives, and measures for success
- **Best Practices:**
 1. Awareness of best practices
 2. Number of instructors
 3. Knowledge of instruction
 4. Prepare students

(See attached power point presentation)

Proposed Resolution

- **Faculty Senate:** Require climate/sustainability fluency in all curricula at Temple University using best practices in the field.
- **Current Status:** Resolution tabled for further discussion and investigation into current curricula and programs at the university..

2. Faculty Service Awards 2024

Presenter: Mike Bognanno, Senate Vice President

Award Recipients:

- Bill Cook, Lew Klein College of Media and Communication
- Abby Guido, Tyler School of Art and Architecture
- Stephen J. Lepore, College of Public Health
- Di Liu, College of Education and Human Development

- Michael McCloskey, College of Liberal Arts
- Naveen Lalitha, Fox School of Business
- Karl Neubert, Temple University Japan
- Adam Vidiksis, Esther Boyer College of Music and Dance

3. Guest: President Richard Englert:

Remarks and Recap of the Academic Year

- New Faculty Senate Officers: Congratulations to the newly elected officers.
- Enrollment: Record high undergraduate applications; graduate student numbers also up.
- Initiatives: Temple Promise for Philadelphia residents, covering tuition after grants.
- Public Safety: Increased police presence, more shifts, new technology including AI.
- Gateway Project: Centralized access to Temple and city resources.
- State Funding: \$150 million in appropriations for the past five years, including capital funding for Charles Library.
- Rankings: Temple University improving, now ranked #89 by US News.
- Donations: Significant donations by two former faculty for engineering and athletics.
- Temple Health System: Ranked #1 in charity care, crucial for the neighborhood.

4. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm