

Faculty Senate Steering Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 26, 2024 – 1:00 pm
In person, Conference Room 3B Conwell Hall

Join Via Zoom: <https://temple.zoom.us/j/91907104209>

Meeting Minutes

Present: Shohreh Amini (President, CST), Mike Bognanno (Vice President, CLA), Rick Ridall (Secretary, STHM), Fauzia Ahmad (COE) via zoom, Jason Gallagher (Pharm) via zoom, Robin Kolodny (CLA), Matthew Miller (TFMA), Sharyn O'Mara (TYL) via zoom, Michael Schirmer (FSBM), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD) Ryan Tierney (CPH) via zoom

Absent: Quaiser Abdullah (KMC), Nicholas Bizzaro (KSoD), Cheri Carter (SSW), Dale Haines (LKSM), Di Liu (CEHD), Stan McDonald (Fac. Herald), Rafael Porrata-Doria (Past-President, Law),

Excused: Barry McCarthy (Law), Shinya Watanabe (TUJ)

Admin: Cheryl Mack

1. Call to Order: 1:10PM
2. Approval of Minutes: March 12, 2024: Approved
3. Guest: Jennifer Wood, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs (1:15 pm)
 - a. Introduction of Jennifer Wood and FSSC members
 - b. Update on Collegial Assemblies and relationship with faculty body
response: work group was organized to take a fresh look at the standard bylaws, looking at ways to revise for a deeper commitment to shared governance; committee organized and report was being worked on right before Jeremy Jordan's departure last summer; currently going through reviewing recommendations that were made at that time, with input from new members on their recommendations; working to finalize a report to present to the Provost soon (no set timeframe); looking at all the ways to strengthen the bylaws and engagement for everyone; being more

intentional to provide more guidance and governance across all schools and colleges that helps to elevate faculty; one of the new areas is faculty development with new bylaws that are being worked on; we should be the “office of faculty and development affairs”; for NTT’s and Adjuncts; we want to be supportive of what current schools and colleges are doing, and to be a resource for chairs, as many are just put into that role without guidance.

Question – Your view of the NTT’s status?

Response: Huge part of the university, and we could not have the footprint we have without them

Question: Where can we find current bylaws

Response: Faculty Affairs website

Question: Deans role in CA’s, some seem like it’s too much

Response: Haven’t looked at it yet, we will do this in our current review process

Question: Budget group, every Dean decides how much they are going to release, needs to be transparent

Response: “meaningful participation” needs to be a priority - we will help shape what that will look like

Comment: Only time chairs had an active role in the budget was when there was an internal review, when completed, it was taken away

(discussion continued – review this comment)

Comment (Jennifer): Finding “best practice” colleges to learn from, share processes, and outcomes throughout the university

Question: “5-year plan” are you involved in this (from what Greg Mandel talked about last time) and its outcome (examples provided)?

Response: Thank you for this and I will take this back to Provost Mandel

Question: RCM?

Response: Interesting

Question: Sabbatical approval, timeline process, and all that must be considered as a result

Response: We were late this year, usually by February, I will look to see if we can speed this up as I understand trying to figure out teaching loads, who’s available, travel plans. We will see what we can do. My goal is to have greater efficiency. (Conclusion of visit)

4. President’s Report: Shohreh Amini

- a. RFS meeting went very well and efficient
- b. President’s Search: Mitch Morgan will have an update soon on status and progress.

5. Vice President's Report: Mike Bognanno: Candidates for committee approval including recommendations from Dustin Kidd, Dir., GEEC

- a. Block vote – motion to approve, 2nd, all in favor = 100% (all listed below were approved)

- Lauren Farmer (CLA) Lectures and Forums
- Anne Russ (CPH) Lectures and Forums
- William Cook (KMC) GEEC
- Sean Yom (CLA) GEEC
- Jennifer Zarro (TYL) GEEC
- Andaluri (COE) GEEC 2nd term
- Lori Shorr, (CEHD) GEEC 2nd term

- b. Vacancies attached

6. Old Business: N/A

7. New Business: N/A

8. Adjournment: 2:14PM

Next Meetings (final meetings of the academic year):

FSSC Committee meeting, Tuesday, April 9th, 2024, 1:00pm
Conference Room 3B, Conwell Hall

- University Faculty Senate, Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 1:45 pm
Location: Center for Anti-Racism, Room 140 Mazur Hall
- FSSC Luncheon, Tuesday, April 23, 2024, 1:00 pm (*Lunch beginning at noon*)
Lunch menu from Pita Chip
Conference Room 3B, Conwell Hall