

Faculty Senate Steering Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, March 25, 2025 – 1:00 pm (Hybrid)  
In Person: Conference Room 3B Conwell Hall  
Via Zoom: <https://temple.zoom.us/j/95062901236>

## MINUTES

**Present:** Shohreh Amini (President, CST), Mike Bognanno (Vice President, CLA), Robin Kolodny (Secretary), Fauzia Ahmad (COE), Renee Fennell (KSoD), Jason Gallagher (Pharm), Dale Haines (LKSM), Di Liu (CEHD), Lu Lu (STHM), Barry McCarthy (Law), Sabrina Minhas (TSPM), Jason Norris (TFMA) Deborah Racano (KMC), Michael Schirmer (FSB), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD)

**Absent:** Rafael Porrata-Doria (Past-President, Law), James D. Brown (TUJ-*excused*), Lisa Ferretti (SSW), Stan McDonald (CLA, Fac. Herald), Sharyn O'Mara (TYL), Ryan Tierney (CPH)

**Admin:** Cheryl Mack

### 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:07 p.m.

### 2. Approval of Minutes:

Feb 4 minutes – approved; Feb 18 minutes – approved; March 11 minutes - approved

### 3. Guest: Michael Gebhardt, Vice President and University Secretary, Board of Trustees.

The FSSC by-laws need work. Should we convene a group to do this? We should have a “soup to nuts” conversation.

- Consider setting an established meeting of the Board of Trustees (subgroup) and a relevant subgroup of FSSC twice a year?
- Most of the Board does not know details of what happens in the FSSC. Informing them would be helpful. Vehicle for future relationships with the Board.
- Discuss attendance of FSSC members to subcommittee meetings of the Board.

President Amini indicated that the FSSC will revisit the by-laws and be back in touch with Gebhardt. He departed the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

### 4. President's Report: Shohreh Amini

Provost's Office asked us to submit faculty names for the search for VP of undergraduate affairs. Please send names to Shohreh ASAP.

Dean David Boardman of Klein College of Communications will be Interim Provost. A national search for a permanent provost will be organized soon.

Gen Ed will have another Summer Institute.

April 3 & 4 – Events for President Fry's Investiture – please attend as much as possible.

#### 5. Vice President's Report: Mike Bognanno

Candidates for committee appointments for FSSC approval:

- Micah Magee, TFMA, Committee for International Programs - Approved unanimously
- Stephen Williams, CST, Adjunct Advocacy Committee - Approved unanimously
- David V. Smith, CLA, Committee for International Programs; vote was not held during the meeting because his statement of interest was omitted from the FSSC meeting materials. We Will hold vote electronically after circulation of that information. [approved unanimously via e-vote (cm )]

We reviewed the list of remaining vacancies.

Cheryl Mack reported on the status of the ballot for next year's committee elections.

Jason Gallagher, Pharmacy, became a candidate for the Committee on Assessment of Instruction. Approved unanimously

#### 6. Old Business

#### 7. New Business

Should we have a campus conversation about higher education and federal government directives? We could arrange a special meeting on Zoom. An ad hoc subcommittee agreed to discuss how to do this.

#### 8. Adjournment - at 3:00 p.m.

Final Meetings of the Academic Year:

- FSSC, Tuesday, April 8, 2025 – 1:00 pm, Conference Room 3B, Conwell Hall
- University Faculty Senate, Thursday, April 17, 2025 – 1:45 pm, 301AB Tuttleman Learning Center
- FSSC Luncheon, Tuesday, April 29, 2025 – 12:00 pm, Conference Room 3B Conwell Hall

Robin Kolodny  
Secretary