

Faculty Senate Steering Committee Meeting (Hybrid)
Tuesday, September 17, 2024
1:00 pm Conference Room 3B, Conwell Hall
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Minutes

Present: Shohreh Amini (President, CST), Mike Bognanno (Vice President, CLA), Robin Kolodny (Secretary), Jason Gallagher (Pharm), Dale Haines (LKSM), Di Liu (CEHD), Lu Lu (STHM), Barry McCarthy (Law), Sabrina Minhas (TSPM), Sharyn O'Mara (TYL), Michael Schirmer (FSB), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD) Ryan Tierney (CPH)

Absent: Fauzia Ahmad (COE), Nicholas Bizzaro (KSoD), Lisa Ferretti (SSW), Stan McDonald (CLA, Fac. Herald), Matthew Miller (TFMA),

Absent Excused: Rafael Porrata-Doria (Past-President, Law), -Sabbatical

Admin: Cheryl Mack

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:02.

New members introduced themselves: STHM + Podiatry

2. Guest: Provost Gregory Mandel

Provost Mandel shared updates about a positive orientation week and a tentative agreement with TAUP.

Presidential transition: A small team has begun to plan the transition leading up to November 1. Have had limited meetings with John Fry, but he is still running Drexel.

Enrollment news – sent out an email to the university community a few hours before our meeting. Most racially diverse class we have had for the 4th year in a row. We are up 65% with international students in the first-year class. Our overall yield is up too. For next year, they are focusing on more coordination with central and school/college recruitment efforts.

Temple's Strategic Plan – can be found at plan.temple.edu. Several steps have progressed, including significant revisions to RCM (reducing predominant reliance on CHGs – majors and graduation rates now matter more).

Budget cuts and faculty hiring - It is important at growing our faculty, especially tenure and tenure-track faculty. Working on an initiative on faculty advancement. Recruitment, retention, and support are the focus. Robust orientations now offered for new faculty, department chairs, etc.

Hiring – we are in a much better place than we were a year ago. Projecting deficit of \$27 million, down from \$80 million last year. Net revenue from better enrollment has helped us.

UArts situation –We now have 350 of their former students. 280 are effectively transfer students. A merger with UArts is not under consideration. Questions remain about their endowment distribution.

University President Consortium on State-Related Funding. In response to discussions about funding for Temple, Pitt and Penn State, a performance-based commission was proposed and established by the legislature to become a source of information during the appropriations process. President Englert is on it. Today's *Inquirer* ran an article about it.

Sustainability in the Provost's Office – One initiative in the strategic plan that has not gone very far is developing programs across the schools and colleges. Sustainability, urban planning, social determinants of health were identified as "grand challenges." This piece has been on hold until we have stable leadership again. Gen Ed Review is still going on and we can think about sustainability from the bottom up. It is valuable to have conversations about this. PSM [Professional Science Masters in Sustainability] is an example of something that came up that is truly interdisciplinary. Created a committee for this with CST and CLA.

Discussion ensued about affording the TAUP contract, continuing to attract new students, enhancing student success and retention. Ideas about faculty role in student retention were discussed such as getting more faculty involved in orientation.\

3. Approval of Minutes: September 3, 2024

Minutes approved at 2:13 pm

4. President's Report: Shohreh Amini

Provost's office has offered us help with meeting space for faculty senate meetings.

The schedule for guests to FSSC and Faculty Senate meetings was circulated and discussed. Please send questions to Shohreh Amini for the graduate dean. We typically ask for space for 40-50 people for full senate meetings.

Will try to Schedule Josh Gladden for November 19th meeting online. Associate Dean's office {? Which one} will send a faculty representative.

Hoping to have John Fry come for the December 12th meeting.

TUJ – Executive Director for Kyoto campus. Now, we need an FSSC rep for TUJ.

Consider a topic about admissions since the Supreme Court cases on diversity run by faculty.

5. Vice President's Report: Mike Bognanno

While some committees have added new members, there are still vacancies.

Remember that the Bargaining Units Liaison Committee is not being actively staffed but should remain on the books.

We should be reviewing the committee reports. We should ask committee chairs to come and

report on their business. A suggestion was to ask the Faculty Senate committee chairs to come to the November 12th FSSC meeting. VP Bognanno will look through the committee members and vacancies on each committee to see if the number of committee members on each is appropriate.

6. Old Business

Scheduling of remaining meetings – discussed in president’s report.

7. New Business

Description of FSSC duties document brought up for discussion. Feedback requested to finalize and post the document.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn 2:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: Representative Faculty Senate (Hybrid), Monday, September 23, 2024 – 1:45 pm
Charles Events, Room 120 [102].

Submitted by,

Robin Kolodny
Secretary