

Representative Faculty Senate
Faculty Forum: The Role of AI in Teaching and Research
Monday, February 24, 2025
1:45 PM Hybrid Meeting
In Person: Classroom 310, 1810 Liacouras Walk

MINUTES

Attendance: Forty-six (46) representatives, faculty, librarians and guests in attendance.

1. Call to Order - The meeting began at 1:54 p.m.
2. Approval of minutes of January 28, 2025 - minutes approved 3:14 p.m.
3. Faculty Forum Panelists:

Stephanie Fiore, Assc. Vice Provost & Director of CAT

The presentation gave an overview of uses of AI in teaching at Temple. Some professors permit students to use AI without restrictions, others prohibit it. CAT offers workshops to use AI in teaching for students and for faculty (including grading). Even professors who ban AI do not understand how much their students are using it. Will provide a link on academic honesty for us. There is an asynchronous multi module course online.

When is AI useful for students? Look at “Edvice” exchange. Discussion about opportunities and limits with AI commenced. Fiore left at 2:34 p.m.

Stephen MacNeil, Asst. Professor, Computer and Information Sciences

Presented via Zoom. Conducting research on AI generative models as early as 2021. Students in his lab have confidence in using AI, not students in the classroom. We cannot rely on assessment the way that we have in the past. In programming classes, half the time AI helps students process information more quickly and accurately, but others were easily led off track. AI is having a negative social impact – less interaction with peers, fewer study groups, etc. No way to learn the “hidden” curriculum.

Joe Lucia, Dean of Libraries

How the libraries are dealing with copyrights, ownership of large bodies of content, intellectual property, etc. Can we apply metadata to visual objects – like cataloguing, description of photo collections, etc.

Di Liu, College of Education and Human Development

4. President's Report: Shohreh Amini

Sat with the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. They are interested in having faculty attend their meetings.

AI and critical thinking. Students cannot read as critically as they could previously.

5. Vice President's Report: Mike Bognanno

6. Old Business

7. New Business

8. Adjournment - at 3:16 p.m.

Next Meeting: Representative Faculty Senate, Wednesday, March 19, 2025 6:00 pm,
Virtual meeting via Zoom

Robin Kolodny
Secretary