

Representative Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, March 18, 2021– 6:00-7:30 PM
Minutes

Attendance: Fifty-one (51) faculty in virtual attendance

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM. The President welcomed Representative Faculty Senators from Temple University Japan and Hai-Lung Dai, the Vice President for International Affairs.

2. Approval of Minutes of February 16, 2021

The minutes from the February 16, 2021 meeting were distributed prior to this meeting. The President called for any addition, changes or comments and there being none a motion was made to accept the minutes as distributed. The motion was seconded and after a vote the motion was carried, and the minutes were accepted for the record.

3. Guest: Hai-Lung Dai, Vice President for International Affairs

The President introduced the VP for International Affairs. Dai made a brief presentation related to University globalization goals followed by a question and answer/discussion period.

Q: Is there a target number of students we aim to reach from each of the countries?

A: Dai reported that the current goal is to reach 10% of total student population. In addition, Dai suggested that faculty should be involved in decisions to increase this goal. Scholarships are a key factor in students attending but questions what the right percentage would be – the current percentage is 6%.

Q: What is your projection for international student enrollment for the next 3 years and 5 years?

A: The new strategy is to provide scholarships to students who are more likely to matriculate. Dai believes this strategy will help to keep the rate at 9 – 10% of the total student population.

Q: Do you think that the continued xenophobia in the U.S. will continue to affect enrollment? What about the Trump effect.... do you think that will persist?

A: Dai described the Trump effect as overall enrollment of international students represented a drop of 10% and at the same time Canadian and Australian were experiencing a boom in applications. Temple University is taking a leadership role in projecting a welcoming United State to the world. In 2019, pre-pandemic, despite the rhetoric, professional training (OBT) experienced a record number of approvals. We work to identify Temple's international reputation.

Q: Why not to try to recruit from Russia or Ukraine? Given that we have a large Ukrainian/Russian population in Philadelphia.

A: Dai stated that this is something to be pursued. Each of these countries has particular challenges and due to limited resources and criteria the student population must have a desire to pursue higher education and have a lack of opportunities to do so in their home country.

Q: What is the distribution of students, graduate and undergraduate, across various colleges and schools?

A: There are a variety of programs attended for many reasons often related to the values of the student's country. Many of our programs have international students.

4. President's Report: Rafael Porrata-Doria

Item 1: The President reminded the members that this is the last Representative Faculty Senate meeting of the year. Members will meet at the University Faculty Senate meeting on April 14th at 1:45 PM. The President described the importance of the meeting and the guests and agenda.

5. Vice President's Report: Kimmika Williams-Witherspoon

Item 1: The Vice President congratulated the members for their willingness to serve. The Vice President then related the current vacancies for the coming year and the importance of each asking members to consider additional service. For current vacancies please see attached.

Item 2: The Vice President described the need for people to send a brief bio and statement of interest for elected committees. The March 19th application for the ballot has been extended to March 23rd. The elections will be held Monday, March 29th, 9:00 am until Monday, April 5th, 5:00 pm.

The President noted that we have increased volunteers on our committees in the past two years and noted how important this is to faculty governance.

6. Old Business

None noted.

7. New Business

Steve Newman (CLA) noted that a presentation related to faculty intellectual property was being prepared for the EPPC and asked people to send information and comments to the email provided. In addition, Newman called for additional information about access to Canvas sites by administrative and other personnel in the Schools and Colleges.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded, and a vote carried the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Next Meeting: University Faculty Senate, Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 1:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A Ferretti, Faculty Senate Secretary

Faculty Senate Committee Vacancies – Revised March 09, 2021

See <https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees> for committee information
Vacancies subject to change

| COMMITTEES | VACANCIES |
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| Assessment Instruction Committee https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees/assessment-instruction-committee-2020-2021 | 6 |
| Budget Review Committee https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees/budget-review-committee-2020-21 | 3 |
| Committee for Administrative and Trustee Appointments https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees/committee-administrative-and-trustee-appointments-cata-2020-2021 | 5 |
| Committee on Faculty Disabilities Concerns https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees/committee-faculty-disabilities-concerns-2020-2021 | 1 |
| Committee for International Programs https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees/committee-international-programs-2020-21 | 3 |
| Committee on the Status of Faculty of Color https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees/committee-status-faculty-color-2020-2021 | 1 |
| Educational Programs and Policies Committee (ELECTED) <i>At least six schools/colleges represented on committee. Largest School/College (CLA), should have 2 faculty. No more than 2 faculty from each school/college may serve at any time. Select one from CLA; select from any other school/college except College of Educ./Human Dev.</i> https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees/educational-programs-and-policies-committee-2020-2021 | 3 |
| Faculty Herald Advisory Board https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees/faculty-herald-advisory-board-2020-2021 | 3 |
| Faculty Senate Status of Women Committee https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees/faculty-senate-status-women-committee-2020-2021 | 6 |
| General Education Executive Committee (GEEC) https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees/general-education-executive-committee-2020-2021 | 5 |
| Lectures and Forums Committee https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees/lectures-and-forums-committee-2020-2021 | 5 |
| Library Committee https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees/library-committee-2020-2021 | 5 |

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| <p>Personnel Committee (ELECTED) Should be tenured professor to serve on this committee https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees/personnel-committee-2020-2021</p> | 4 |
| <p>Research Policies and Programs Committee (ELECTED) and Appointed https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees/research-programs-and-policies-committee-2020-2021 (Six appointed terms must be scattered 2 and 3-year terms)</p> | 2-Elected 6-App't'd |
| <p>Standing Committee on the Continuous Revision of Faculty Handbook https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees/standing-cmte-continuous-revision-faculty-handbook-2020-2021</p> | 1-non barg. 2-barg. |
| <p>Student Awards Selection Committee (Provost Cmte.) https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees/student-awards-selection-committee-2020-2021</p> | 6 |
| <p>University Sabbatical Committee (Provost Cmte.- ELECTED) (No more than one faculty member per school/college may serve at one time) https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees/university-sabbatical-committee-2020-2021</p> | 1 |
| <p>University Tenure and Promotion Advisory Committee (Provost Cmte.- ELECTED) Only tenured full professors may serve on this committee. (No more than two (2) faculty members from any school/college may serve at any one time. Faculty shall serve a two-year term. Term for this committee begins in the Fall semester. https://facultysenate.temple.edu/committees/university-tenure-and-promotion-advisory-committee</p> | |
| UTPAC-A: Humanities and the Arts | 2 |
| UTPAC-B: Sciences, Life Sciences and Engineering | 1 |
| UTPAC-C: Social Sciences, Business and Law | 1 |

If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please send a brief statement of interest and bio link to Kimmika.Williams-Witherspoon@temple.edu (Copy senate@temple.edu)