Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Tuesday, September 25, 2012
Minutes

Present: Joan Shapiro (Pres.), Mark Rahdert (Vice Pres.), Tricia Jones (Secy.), Paul LaFollette (Past-Pres.), Cheri Carter (SSW), Kurosh Darvish (Engr), Deborah Howe (SED), Forrest Huffman (FSBM), Michael Jackson (STHM), Michael Jacobs (Pharm), Chip Jungreis (TUSM), Stephanie Knopp (Tyl), Jim Korsh (CST), Steve Newman (Fac. Herald), Michael Sachs (CHP), Catherine Schifter (Educ), Joseph Schwartz (CLA), David Sonenshein (Law), Karen Turner (SMC), Doug Wager (TFMA), Cheryl Mack (Coord.)

Absent: Jeffrey Solow (BCMD), Leona Sperrazza (Dent.), David Waldstreicher (Fac. Herald)

1. Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order 1:01pm.

2. Approval of Minutes:
The minutes from the FSSC meeting of 9/18/2012 were moved, seconded, and unanimously approved without change.

3. Vice-President’s report:
Vice President Mark Rahdert gave a short report on the status of the elections. He reported that we had to shut down the senate election due to technical problems. Two people had sent in self-nominations to the new faculty senate web site but those had not come through. As a result, those faculty members were not given the opportunity to be on the ballot. We need to hold another election with all 4 candidates. Cheryl Mack, Senate Staff, suggested it would make sense to send out another e-mail to all faculty reminding them of the election and inviting more self-nominations. Mark Rahdert also reported that Diane Maleson (SVP for Faculty Affairs) has suggested that we need to fill vacancies on the University Sabbatical Committee. And, he reported that we need to fill vacancies on RPPC. We have 3 openings on that committee, 1 elected open position and 2 appointed positions. There was a general discussion and Michael Jackson (STHM) reminded us that we need to emphasize that NTTs can serve on committees.

4. President’s report:
Joan Shapiro, Faculty Senate President, asked Michael Jackson (STHM) to share updates on the Outstanding Faculty Service Awards Brunch. He reviewed criteria for the awards that will be put forward. Colleges/schools will be expected to put forth documentation about their nominee/awardee. The unit selecting the awardee should be identified (e.g., college committee). We want college/school decisions by October 17th. Chip Jungreis (TUSM) emphasized that it is supposed to be an award above and beyond responsibilities and that each college has latitude in determining worthy recipients.

Cheryl Mack brought to Joan’s attention that the School of Media and Communication asked about representatives for them and TFMA to Faculty Senate. We now have 7 representative senators from SMC and none from TFMA. Paul LaFollette, Past President, asked what the Constitution says about this. Vice-President Rahdert looked at the statement of the
Constitution. He reported that the Constitution deals with schools or colleges not divisions. Doug Wager (TFMA) reported that Boyer and Tyler are being treated as separate schools and that TFMA is in the process of finalizing by-laws and creating a collegiate assembly. There was discussion about how proportionate allocation of senators is decided. A motion was made and seconded:

**Motion:**

Beginning with 2012-2013 Academic Year the division of TFMA shall be treated the same as a school or college for the purpose of allocation of representatives to Faculty Senate and for the 2012-2013 academic year the number of representatives for the division shall be 3 and the number of representatives for School of Media and Communication shall be 4.

Discussion ensued. The motion passed unanimously.

Joan Shapiro reported on a conversation with Art Hochner in which he raised questions about the university policy on copyright. He is working with Sharon Boyle and George Moore to write a policy since we do not have one. Catherine Schifter (COE, who has volunteered to serve on the Task Force of Online Education, was asked if this topic has come up on that committee. She reported it had not. Karen Turner (SMC) reported that she had a discussion with a colleague who indicated that there is a committee looking at this. We are not certain the nature of this committee or membership. There had been a committee looking into intellectual property under President Adamany. Some faculty may be concerned about getting involved in distance learning due to questions of how this may be affected by intellectual property issues and access. Joan said she would refer Art Hochner to Jan Fernback in Media Studies and Production and to Greg Mandel in School of Law.

Joan also reported that Art Hochner brought up the issue of professors using their textbooks in classes. Diane Maleson has posted a statement about this from the University of Iowa on her web site. It was clarified that this was not intended as a statement of policy but faculty suggested it could be interpreted as such and perhaps further clarification or disclaimers on the web site were needed.

The general conversation about this issue raised several concerns and suggestions. It was suggested that EPPC would be a good place to refer this issue. Catherine Schifter mentioned that EPPC only deals with undergraduate education and we need to have the issue also go to graduate committee or to a faculty senate committee that can deal with graduate level implications. It was suggested that we look at other universities to gather their policies as potential exemplars. Tricia Jones (COE) suggested that FSSC find a way to inform faculty of these possibilities so they can make informed decisions about how they generate and distribute intellectual property in the course of their work at Temple. Jim Korsh (CST) suggested we may want a special senate meeting about this. Mark Rahdert asked whether what we do might get in the way with TAUP and it may be wise to talk with Art about this. Michael Jackson suggested that FSSC sponsor an open symposium on this event. Paul LaFollette suggested we talk to the Chair of the Faculty Herald Committee (Frank Friedman) about whether TAUP and Faculty Herald may want to help sponsor such a symposium.

5. **Guests from Temple Student Government:**

Julian Hamer, Vice President of Services for Temple Student Government.
Ofu Ezeugwu, VP External Affairs
David Lopez, Student Body President
Patricia Boateng, Director of Academic Affairs

Several guests from Temple Student Government visited and engaged in a good discussion about faculty and student collaborations. They indicated that they want to have more contact with faculty and bridge faculty and the student body. They are meeting with as many college faculties as possible.

Several issues were discussed. They commented that students don’t really understand the nature of the reorganization; that there was low awareness of the changes in colleges that were not affected directly by the changes. There was a discussion about how faculty felt about the changes. Some FSSC members discussed how the changes have affected them. The TSG leaders were asked if they are looking at student retention and student advising. They are not yet looking at retention but are drafting a survey for student advising. There was general discussion about Gen Ed and the TSG survey results from last year. FSSC members asked the TSG representatives what they have heard about academic staffing issues. They discussed implications of reduction of Tenure Track and even NTT faculty and the increase of adjuncts covering classes. We also discussed opportunities for scholarships and whether students have enough information about these opportunities. There was a general discussion about research opportunities at all levels. They indicated they are interested in talking with the new President about integrated opportunities for students in the areas of research. Michael Jackson raised a number of important questions for the TSG representatives to consider.

6. Old Business:
None

7. New Business:
None

8. Adjournment:
It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn at 3:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia S. Jones
Faculty Senate Secretary