Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2013

Attendance:
Present: Joan Shapiro (Pres.), Mark Rahdert (Vice Pres.), Tricia Jones (Secy.), Paul LaFollette (Past-Pres.), Kenneth Boberick (DENT), Deborah Howe (SED), Forrest Huffman (FSBM), Michael Jackson (STHM), Chip Jungreis (TUSM), Stephanie Knopp (Tyl), Jim Korsh (CST), Steve Newman (Fac. Herald), Michael Sachs (CHP), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD), Howard Spodek (CLA), Karen M. Turner (SMC), Cheryl Mack (Coord.)

Absent: Cheri Carter (SSW), Kurosh Darvish (Engr), Michael Jacobs (Pharm), Catherine Schifter (Educ), David Sonenshein (Law), Doug Wager (TFMA)

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

2. Guests: Matt Rhule, Head Football Coach, Eleanor Myers, chair of PACIA
The guests informed the FSSC that they were unfortunately only available to talk for a short time due to a rescheduling of another meeting. Joan Shapiro welcomed them and indicated that any time they could spend with FSSC was appreciated. They kindly shared an overview of what they are doing in the athletic advising and support programs for the football team. During their presentation they made several points that were then followed by questions and answers session:

- Football is a way to teach and educate young people.
- The Temple football team is a representative model of the university – this is very rare; we have over 30 different majors represented among the football players.
- Academic success is an important part of the program; 19 seniors graduating next year; 30 kids graduating August, December or spring.
- Justin Miller and his team in Athletic Advising do an excellent job. With their support they help students maintain certain standards (e.g., attend every class, sit in the first two rows, and don’t sit next to another football player).
- Eleanor emphasized that they are changing the culture in football. The emphasis is on the Temple Made-Man – respect and accountability; what makes a man.
- They are trying to show players there are paths to success other than football.
- They have a “Pro day” – people who played football that are professional in something else. – Banking, business, real estate, financial services, acting, film production. The program instituted the vision for this and turned it over to Eleanor and her colleagues – wanted to have them take it. They’ve done an excellent job.

In the questions and answers sessions FSSC members raised the following. Questions are posed and responses are presented in ( ) parentheses:
Budget for Athletics? (roughly 2 million which includes everything, travel, scholarships, etc. There is a big subsidy from the university. The budget information for football should be transparent. It is an auxiliary. The numbers from AAC are not clear, likely to be much less than hoped for).

Steve Newman (CLA): What do we as a university get out of the football conference X or Y? (This is a really important conversation. Let’s save this for another meeting and we should couple that with a budget discussion. We wish we had time to address this now, but we just don’t).

3. Vice President’s Report:
Mark Rahdert reported that the elected committees are basically full at this point. Some committees may be larger than necessary, but there is still opportunity for interested faculty to get involved. Mark also mentioned that he had polled the FSSC to see what suggestions people had on the critical issues that we should concentrate on in the upcoming year. He invited FSSC members who had not responded to send him more thoughts.

4. President’s Report:
President Joan Shapiro gave updates on several important meetings. She reminded FSSC members of the Master Plan discussion Monday 12-1:30 Rhoades Room. She had sent out a summary of Senate topics and guests for Spring semester. We’ve covered an awful lot of ground. She also reminded the FSSC of the Undergraduate Forum in Walk Auditorium (Wed. May 1, 1-3pm) and of the May 8, Open Senate meeting, with the forum on decentralized budgeting. We will have TU Capture for the forum which will have a series of presenters including Doug Priest (IU), Tony Wagner, Terry Halbert, and Doug Wager. President Theobald will make comments at the end. She also mentioned that on May 8th we will have retirees being honored. Those who have served actively in Senate in any capacity; or in CAs will be honored.

5. Old Business:
We returned to discuss the progress on some of the work that had been started earlier in the year.

Karen Turner (SMC) was asked to give a brief report in her role as chair of the Disruptive Students Task Force. Karen reported that the task force met in fall. Some of her faculty in SMC put together pilot workshops for SMC faculty. Members of committee were asked to attend as many as possible. Karen thinks it makes sense for the committee to meet and talk about what has come out of the workshops. Workshops focused on how teachers can deal with disruptive students in class; but not on how faculty can deal with larger issues of due process and intervention. Dean of Students did not attend. HEART did attend. It is not clear how this effort will move forward, but Karen wants to stay involved. She’s not sure how to do that, but she feels it will be helpful to have a coordinating liaison with FSSC.

Tricia Jones (COE): Has the group had a chance to discuss policy and protocols? The workshops are a good idea, but these are not developing policy and protocols. The safety point of contact issue is critical.
Michael Jackson (STHM): We need to deal with this a little more realistically. Have to have folks who have experienced some threat or serious incident dealing with this.

Mark Rahdert (Law): This is also a tie-in to the Faculty Handbook revision issue. A real faculty handbook would have this kind of information in it. Maybe we can remind folks in administration that our handbook needs revising.

Deborah Howe (SED): There are a lot of different campuses as well. Situations are different on every one of them.

Paul LaFollette (CST): Where do you take safety issues?

Stephanie Knopp (Tyler): We really have many serious safety issues. It seems as though the campus safety and security issues are severe.

Joan Shapiro (COE): Maybe we should schedule someone from Emergency Preparedness.

Deborah Howe (SED): A good person to invite is Jim Creedon, former Secretary of the Department of General Services. He covers so many topical areas, he should be given ample time.

Mark Rahdert (Law): There is also a connection to RCM because security measures cost money. Deans pressed for money issues may find it difficult to cover these needs.

There was a general discussion on (1) need for ombudsperson, (2) need to explore ways to facilitate conversation and (3) visitation of the religious holiday policy.

6. New Business:
There was some discussion about whether to amend the FSSC minutes of 4/16/2013 to remove reference to a discussion concerning faculty clearance processes. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to remove those references from the 4/16/2013 FSSC minutes.

7. Call to Adjourn:
It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 2:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia S. Jones
Faculty Senate Secretary