Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 30, 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 1:02pm.

2. Recognition of President Joan Shapiro and Faculty Senate Staff person Cheryl Mack:
The FSSC presented Joan Shapiro with a token of their appreciation for her hard service as President of the Faculty Senate during the 2012-2013 academic year. Members of the FSSC shared their appreciation and best wishes. The FSSC also recognized Cheryl Mack for her wonderful service to the Faculty Senate.

3. Guest, Sharon Boyle, Director of Human Resources:
Sharon Boyle was gracious enough to come and discuss the revisions to the Temple University Employee Handbook and some of the potential implications for faculty. Sharon went through the Handbook revisions and briefly noted some that may be of relevance to faculty and suggested that FSSC, when they have the opportunity, visit these changes in the version of the Handbook that is posted on the HR web site.
- card access office – identified guests and access of services; guest passes
- electronic pay process – as new employee come in
- city wage tax refund request
- PA Act 32 requirements (where work location is for tax purposes)
- employment files, removed $75 copying costs
- political activities file
- Section 11 and 12; employment standards; employee conduct
- fair amount of discussion on “quotes/final comments on e-mail” policy restrictions
- new learning management system
- notification through that system
- no central repository because policies are being made at different levels
- Google is forever – can we remove outdated policies from our systems and the external internet

4. President’s Report:
President Joan Shapiro reminded FSSC members of the upcoming University Faculty Senate meeting on May 8th, with the emphasis on DBM. She also mentioned that 18 faculty attended
the Master Plan luncheon. During this luncheon there was a discussion of possible university priorities:
- a rewarding residential urban university experience
- cutting edge instruction
- convenient access to health sciences instruction and research
- graduates who are real world ready
- research that yields high returns to society
- responsiveness to the School District of Philadelphia

She reminded FSSC members that there will be an Undergraduate seminar in Walk Auditorium from 1-3 on May 1st.

5. Old Business:
Doug Wager (TFMA) mentioned that the program review for GenEd is coming next week – how we will hear outcome of that? It was suggested that we check with Jodi on that process. We can use this as an example of how program reviews are supposed to be done.

There was no response from President Theobald about our request to him to consider the guidelines for Collegial Assemblies. It was suggested that we try to get a response from him prior to the May 8th Senate Meeting.

There was some general discussion about what the direction of the university is and whether there are some tensions between suggested goals and directions coming from the President and the Provost. Among the questions are the importance of rankings and the emphasis on undergraduate education.

6. Vice President’s Report:
Mark Rahdert mentioned that we have a number of applications for committees:
- Elizabeth Groff (CLA) Student Awards Selection Committee
- Servio Ramirez (TUSM) University Invention and Patents Committee
- Ali Sayed (TUSM) Student Awards Selection Committee
- Aron Warhman (TUSM) Library Committee

It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to accept all of these candidates.

Other appointments to committees must wait until next fall.

7. Call to Adjourn:
It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 2:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia S. Jones,
Faculty Senate Secretary