Representative Senate Meeting
September 10, 2012
Minutes

Attendance:
Representative Senators and Officers: 50
Ex Officio: 2
Faculty, Administrators and Guests: 20
Total Attendance: 72

1. Call to Order:
President Joan Shapiro called the meeting to order 1:45pm.

2. Approval of Minutes:
The minutes from the April 11, 2012 Representative Faculty Senate Meeting were moved, seconded and unanimously passed.

3. President’s Welcome:
Faculty Senate President Joan Shapiro welcomed all members of Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Faculty Senate Steering Committee, Collegiate Assembly chairs, and representative senators.

She indicated that her goal is to enhance faculty governance so we have shared governance; faculty involvement in search committees, task forces, and senate committees.

4. Temple University President Richard Englert:
Temple University President Richard Englert addressed the senate. He reported the sad news of the passing of faculty member John Goldkamp from the Criminal Justice Department over the summer. Professor Goldkamp came to Temple in 1978 to start the Criminal Justice program. He was a wonderful faculty member and leader; a great colleague, teacher and mentor. The senate observed a moment of silence in respect for Professor Goldkamp.

President Englert welcomed faculty back and reported that it has been a very busy summer and a very productive one for Temple.

(1) He thanked the faculty who served on the presidential search committee and applauded incoming President Theobald. The two faculty members of the committee did a wonderful job. Faculty voice was well articulated, well heard, well appreciated. President Theobald starts January 1, 2013.

(2) President Englert also thanked those involved in the Temple Made campaign. We’ll have some kickoff events over the next few weeks.

(3) He reported that we started a very aggressive fundraising campaign to raise dollars in support of student scholarships. Extensive student debt is a critical national problem. The average for a Temple undergraduate is about $32,000 at graduation. The Board is committed to ways to keep student debt lower. One decision taken last spring was to hold base tuition level. We need to focus on how to keep student debt as low as we can. We also built in 8 million more for student financial aid. The state kept base appropriations level – did not cut Temple at all – and the combinations of keeping tuition level and increasing financial aid helps us make it better for our students. We reduced the base operating budget by 37 million dollars. We had to cut, but it came from non-student funds. We want to raise $100 million over the next five years or sooner to go completely to student scholarships. About 50% will go for student scholarship endowments and 50% for direct use dollars. One of the trustees, Dr. William H. Cosby, Jr., offered to support this campaign. Betsy Leebron Tutelman did a great job in orchestrating this. Dr. Cosby’s idea was to start with a group of 12-13 year old kids and have them morph into young adults in graduation garb.
(4) President Englert stated that we have now become a member of the Big East Athletic Conference. The Big East relationship is not just athletics; it is a grand opportunity for the entire institution. Federal research funding for Big East members are Carnegie Research Very High Activity classified. We are Carnegie Research “High” Activity. We want to move into the top 100, the “very high” category. This helps us recruit students from abroad. Having marketing and PR information in Big East cities gets us into many of the largest media markets which will help us raise the number of out of state students (the numbers dropped during the recent recession).

(5) Student enrollment is at 41,500 a little up from last year. Enrollment is basically stable. But we need to keep our eyes on this. We need to continue to think about how to increase enrollment. We need to make sure we have a stable enrollment for our long-term fiscal situation.

(6) The Freeh Report was issued in July 2012. The President constituted a task force made up of administrators and two faculty (from Athletics area and Faculty Senate) and asked them to give a preliminary report August 15 and final report September 15. The focus was how we can protect minors and how we comply with the Cleary Act. In the Cleary Act there are people designated as campus security authority (CSA) – and the task force recommended that we publicize who the CSAs are. We have had a practice of allowing students to bring younger siblings into residence halls and let them stay overnight. The task force asked whether there are good policies about this and suggested we create those. The practice of visitation has been suspended until those policies are developed. They are due Sept. 15th.

The President took questions from the floor.
Marina Angel (Law) raised a number of issues she is concerned about:
- Earlier she asked for administrators to submit reports prior to the meeting to save time.
- She asked why tuition and state aid was diverted from academics to construction? The new residence hall is expensive and it may not be worth it.
- She suggested that the Chairman of the Board O’Connor is not an academic and criticized his performance.
- She stated that faculty need access to a line item budget for the university.
- She argued that RPPC did not have enough funding.
- There has been too significant an increase in administrative positions at Temple.

The President responded to several of these:
- He reaffirmed the quality of the Board of Trustees; acknowledging Chairman O’Connor and emphasizing that all members of the Board do a lot of work in support of helping students afford Temple.
- The residence hall is a wonderful addition to the university; will allow us to house 1200 additional students; gives us the opportunity to attract more students.
- Goldwater Institute study found us #9 in the country in lowest increases in administration; about 10 institutions had decreased and we were one of them
- The line item budget was sent to head of budget review committee by Ken Kaiser.

Greg Irwin mentioned that he wonders whether legislators realize that faculty agreed to forego merit for this year. He’d like to have this emphasized. The President acknowledged this and agreed.

5. Vice-President’s Report:
Vice President Mark Rahdert mentioned that we need help finding faculty to fill vacancies to serve on committees. We need people for University Personnel Committee; a very important committee. Only tenured faculty can serve. The University Tenure and Promotion Advisory Committee also has vacancies.

6. Presentation by Provost Dai:
Provost Dai welcomed the senators and thanked Past-President Paul LaFollette for doing a wonderful job representing faculty in the last two years. And the provost congratulated faculty for the wisdom of selecting Joan Shapiro as the new President. He gave an overview of the state of the academic side of the university, mentioning factors of importance.
- The % of students who put in deposits but failed to show up has increased. It has been 7% last 3 years but this year it was 9%.
There is a mandate to review our GenEd programs; we will need your views to tell us from the students’ perspective whether we are doing a good job with GenEd.

He truly believes a university is student and faculty; to improve the quality of education for students and to increase the support for faculty

The Provost took questions from the floor,
Art Hochner (FSBM): What is the impact of the 39 million cut on academic side of university?

Provost’s answer:
- A smaller percentage of cuts was distributed to all colleges and Provost’s portfolio received disproportionately larger cuts. Most of these cuts had been handled before he became Provost but his office still has a 2 million deficit.
- All colleges have submitted new hiring requests and we are trying to support those; they are trying to increase funds for faculty recruiting.

Art Hochner (FSBM): Should we assume Theobald is coming to implement Responsibility Centered Budgeting? Do you know when that might be implemented? What impact might this have on compensation of faculty?

Provost’s answer:
Penn has used this system. Tuition revenue/majors/FTEs goes in part to support centralized administrative services and rest goes to support college of tuition generation. You can always adjust the “taxes” to the college. We don’t have a pre-determined answer to which budgeting model is best. A new committee to investigate this will be formed and will be headed by Tony Wagner and Provost Dai.

We anticipate budgeting model changes will be implemented in 2014. A small part of this may start earlier. Some graduate programs may be affected earlier than undergraduate programs.

Joe Schwartz (CLA) asked how might we improve support of graduate students? Our TAs teach more and earlier than other programs

The Provost responded this is a discipline intensive issue. There is a need for more support. There was a report by external consultants during Provost Lisa’s time. We will be revisiting this.

Presentation by Senior Vice-Provost Peter Jones will be at next meeting.

7. Faculty Senate President’s Report:
- Thanks to Provost Dai for support for new Faculty Senate web site (www.temple.edu/senate/).
- Thanks for Provost’s support for release time for Editor of Faculty Herald.
- Provost’s Office supports for 2nd Annual Fresh Brunch Outstanding Faculty Service Awards. Date TBD.
- David Lopez, Student Body President, has a goal to create closer ties with faculty.
- Institutional Integrity Report out 9/15.
- There is a Task Force for reviewing and recommending online programs.
- She shared some of her concerns with Responsibility Based Budgeting.

8. Old Business:
None

9. New Business:
None

10. Adjournment:
It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn at 3:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia S. Jones,
Secretary, Faculty Senate