Representative Senate Meeting  
Wednesday, November 18, 2009  
Minutes

1. Call to Order:  
The meeting was called to order by President Turner at 1:50 PM.

2. President Turner's Report:  
President Turner discussed the motion presented by the FSSC to amend the bylaws for the purpose of changing the quorum requirements. Following the University Senate meeting next month, there will be a special Representative Senate meeting for the purpose of having a full discussion of this motion.

3. Vice President LaFollette's Report:  
LaFollette announced the results of the recent special election to fill empty positions on the Personnel and Sabbatical committees. He thanked those who ran for those positions, and pointed out that the number of people voting was distressingly small.

Personnel Committee: Jane D. Evans (TYL)  
Personnel Committee: Stephen Willier (BCMD)  
University Sabbatical Committee: Joseph Picone (ENGR)

4. President Hart's Visit:  
President Hart gave a detailed report about the Medical School's financial health. Among other things, she announced that the Medical School plans to increase its class size by 30 students and that Temple has entered into a joint plan with St. Lukes in the Lehigh Valley to run a 1 + 3 year education program.

Jane Evans (Tyler) asked about the balance between research and teaching at the Medical School. The President answered that the indirect expense recovery is an urgent part of Temple's income. We are trying to take advantage of newly available peer review stimulus money.

Charles Jungreis (Med) commented on the importance of collaborative research between the Main Campus and the Medical School.

5. Provost Lisa Listens:  
The Provost reported on the activities of the Dysfunctional Rules Committee - a committee which is attempting to identify and correct rules that make little sense. They have been soliciting input through TUPortal for several months, and are busy analyzing the comments they have received.

The scheduling matrix is being reviewed. Graduate courses will be taken off the matrix.

She has added $25,000.00 to RPPC's seed money grants, and Richard Englert's staff is now providing support to RPPC.
The search is underway for the new VP for Research and Graduate Education.
Finally, she thanked the Faculty Senate and its committees for the useful work they have done. She listed several initiatives that have grown out recommendations from Senate committees including the Community Based Learning Network and the ACCORD Center.

Questions:
Scott Gratson (SCT) noted that there is no committee charged with GLBT concerns. Does Temple have a commitment to diversity with respect to the GLBT community?

Answer: Yes

Karen Turner (SCT) announced that the officers of the Senate have been meeting monthly with the Provost. These meetings have been very useful and several important ideas have already come forth from them.

Old Business:
None

New Business:
None

Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.

Submitted by Paul LaFollette, Acting Secretary