1. Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 1:49 PM.

2. Provost’s Report:
Senate President LaFollette welcomed Provost Richard Engelert to the meeting. Provost Engelert reported on a number of recent university-related events and developments, including the following:

- The university recently hosted a reception to honor 50 students receiving Wal-Mart scholarships, made possible through a recent $100K grant from the Wal-Mart Corporation.
- A National Geographic cover story on adolescent psychology prominently features work by Temple Professor Laurence Steinberg.
- The Economics Department recently held a reception honoring Professor Ingrid Rima who has served on the faculty at Temple for 58 years.
- The Admissions Office recently held one of its most successful Open Houses ever, with some 4400 visitors to campus and a tremendous post-open-house buzz on Twitter. There will be another Open House in November and three “Experience Temple” days for admitted students in March.

Provost Engelert also mentioned several upcoming events:

- Homecoming will be this coming weekend, with various alumni events planned in connection with the football game against Buffalo, as well as many other events around campus.
- Great Teacher, Lindback, GenEd, and Research & Creative Achievement (R&C) award nominations are due in December. This year there will be 3 Great Teacher, 6 Lindback, 3 GenEd, and 3 R&C awards. The stipend for the R&C awards is being increased to $5000.
- Next week, the Provost will hold a retreat with the members of the Faculty Senate Steering Committee (FSSC). At the FSSC’s request, the retreat will focus on issues surrounding potential reorganization of schools and colleges. The Provost has decided to delay completion and circulation of his anticipated white paper on the reorganization issue until after he has had an opportunity to hear from the FSSC during the retreat.
- Peter Jones and the Student Feedback Form Committee have been working with the Educational Programs and Policies Committee (EPPC) on a set of proposals regarding on-line administration of Student Feedback Forms (SFF’s). After the EPPC has an opportunity for input, the matter will come back to the Faculty Senate for further discussion.
- Paley Library has recently encountered some difficulties with its on-line resources. A few weeks ago, the Library servers went down as a result of a power loss occasioned during some construction, and it has been difficult to get all the systems back up and running properly. Discussions are ongoing concerning relocating the servers to a more physically secure location to prevent a problem like this from recurring.

In the Q&A period following his remarks, Provost Engelert was asked about the status of the white paper on reorganization. He replied that it is on hold until after further discussion at the retreat with the FSSC.

3. Banner:
Vice Provost Jodi Laufgraben reported on the progress to date implementing the new Banner system. After reviewing some of the past developments implementing Banner, Vice Provost Laufgraben described some
of the most recent developments. These include using Banner to give students the mid-term feedback on their academic progress that is required by Temple policy for lower level courses. Laufgraben mentioned several benefits of on-line student ratings, in particular, the capacity for prompt and paperless feedback that is useful to students for purposes of future academic planning. While mid-term ratings are not required in upper level courses, the option is available, and many instructors are making use of it.

Use of Banner for screening course pre-requisites was originally scheduled to be introduced last spring, but problems with the system required a delay. Some pilot projects involving course pre-requisites were undertaken this fall in various schools and colleges, and the results are being used to make adjustments. The program should be ready for general introduction by March 2012.

Laufgraben said the implementation of the Banner system has required some adjustments in the academic calendar, particularly to align dates for course withdrawals, tuition payments, releases on course holds and the like. It has also required ironing out some inconsistent practices, for example with the awarding of credit in credit/no-credit courses.

Although grading assignment through Banner came on-line this summer, the fall semester will be the first experience with it for most instructors. Each School and College will have trained Banner liaison staff to help faculty with any difficulties, and there will be training opportunities both within Schools and Colleges as well as university-wide. There will also be on-line resources. November 15 is the target date for training faculty in the use of the system.

There have been difficulties this fall with the implementation of Banner for financial aid, to the consternation of many students and parents. These problems are being ironed out, and the process should go more smoothly in the future.

4. Approval of the Minutes:
The minutes of the September 12, 2011 meeting were approved. President LaFollette thanked Mary Conrad (FSBM), who volunteered to take the minutes of the September meeting. He also thanked the School of Medicine’s FSSC representative Chip Jungreis, who has been taking minutes of FSSC meetings since the beginning of the term.

5. President’s Report:
President LaFollette reported that the FSSC will be meeting with the Provost to discuss potential reorganization of schools and colleges. As mentioned above, the Provost has agreed to delay circulation of his planned white paper on the issue until after that meeting has occurred.

The other item of immediate significance is the commencement of a search for a new President, in light of President Hart’s decision to step down at the end of the academic year. President LaFollette described his recent meeting with Board of Trustees Chair Patrick O’Connor to discuss the search. As is described in the letter, LaFollette recently sent by email to all faculty (a copy is attached and incorporated into the minutes), two or three faculty members are likely to be named to the search committee. It is expected that the committee will consider candidates from both inside and outside academia.

At President LaFollette’s invitation, Frank Friedman (CST), one of the members of the Committee on Administrative and Trustee Appointments (CATA), spoke about the importance of encouraging faculty who would be interested in serving on the Presidential search committee to send a statement of interest and a CV to the committee. That can be done by submitting them to senate2@temple.edu. Since the trustees are actively engaged in forming the search committee and selecting a search form, it will be important for CATA to act quickly in submitting faculty nominations for the committee. A letter to all faculty regarding the search will be going out from CATA in the next day or two.

President LaFollette asked one of the members of the Graduate Board to report on the Board’s recent meeting. Jeffrey Solow (BCMD) gave a brief summary. He reported that the Graduate Board passed a resolution to rename itself the Graduate Council, in order to clarify that the only “Board” at Temple is the Board of Trustees. Solow reported that the Graduate Council (its new name) has been working on new
bylaws for sometime. At the recent meeting, a proposed set of bylaws was rejected. Solow reported that
the rejection was based principally on two concerns: 1) the proposed bylaws did not specify qualifications
for individuals serving as head of the council; and 2) the proposed bylaws did not provide for sufficient
input from the council on amendments. It stated only that amendments could be made after “consultation,”
and that was considered to be too weak. As a consequence, the proposed bylaws will have to undergo
further revision and resubmission to the council at a later date.

After his report, President LaFollette was asked why there were to be only 2 or 3 faculty on the search
committee. He responded that he would have liked greater faculty representation, but that was the number
that had been determined by the Trustees. He was also asked to convey to the Trustees concerns about
having only a single student on the committee. If there is only one student, it will be very difficult for that
individual to have an effective voice. LaFollette said he would convey that view to the Trustees.

President LaFollette was also asked whether the FSSC had discussed recent memos and faculty senate
listserv discussion concerning 1) the disproportionate amount of merit awards for scholarship as compared
with service, and 2) the difficulty of completing FAR forms on faculty activity in the middle rather than
after completion of the semester. LaFollette replied that the FSSC has not had an opportunity to meet since
those messages were circulated, but that it would take up the issues in the near future.

6. Vice President’s Report:
Vice President Joan Shapiro reiterated thanks to Mary Conrad for volunteering to prepare minutes of the
September Representative Senate meeting.

Shapiro announced the results of the recently completed Faculty Senate election. (The results are attached
and incorporated into the minutes.) Shapiro noted that Mark Rahdert (Law) will be filling the vacancy as
Faculty Senate Secretary. She thanked all the individuals who stood as candidates for the various positions,
as well as all faculty members who took the time to vote in the election. She stressed the importance of
both service and participation as the core of faculty self-governance.

Vice President Shapiro noted that there are still several Faculty Senate committees with a significant
number of vacancies, despite substantial progress in filling committee posts since last month’s report. She
mentioned the EPPC and CATA as two committees whose work is particularly important. Since CATA
will be responsible for making nominations of faculty members to the Presidential search committee, it
would be especially helpful if the remaining openings on that committee could be filled in the near future.
She encouraged all representatives to solicit candidates from their respective faculties. Interested
individuals should send a brief statement of interest and a CV to senate2@temple.edu.

7. Old Business:
There was no old business.

8. New Business:
There was no new business, although President LaFollette reminded everyone that a public meeting of the
Board of Trustees was to occur at 3:30 PM. He invited those who had never attended a Board meeting to
consider coming.

9. Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark C. Rahdert
Secretary
Dear colleagues,

I met last week with Patrick O'Connor, chairman of Temple's Board of Trustees, to discuss with him the process that the Board would use to search for a new President. I was joined by Jane Evans, who was President of the Faculty Senate during the previous presidential search, and who was a member of the search committee at that time.

The Board has the final responsibility for selecting the President of the University, and for establishing the process by which this person will be selected. They will soon be forming a search committee which will consist of a selection of board members, two or three faculty, and a student. The Board will make the final selections of the student, and of the faculty members after hearing the advice of the senate's Committee on Academic and Trustee Appointments (CATA) and of the Senate.

Based on our discussion, I anticipate a broadly based search which will look at candidates with a wide range of backgrounds from both inside and outside of academia in an attempt to identify the best possible leader for Temple University. It will be important that the faculty members present be well prepared to assist the committee in understanding the significance of such matters as academic freedom and academic integrity to the proper functioning of a major university dedicated to scholarly and educational activities.

When you receive CATA's request for names, please respond both quickly and thoughtfully.

Paul LaFollette
President - Temple University Faculty Senate
## Fall 2011 – Election Results

Total Votes: 230

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