Faculty Senate Steering Committee Meeting  
January 19, 2010  
Minutes

Present:
Karen M. Turner (Pres.), Paul S. LaFollette (V. Pres.), Joan P. Shapiro (Secy.), Robert M. Aiken (Past-Pres.), Joan Delalic (Engr.), Charles Jungreis (Med.), Luke Kahlich (BCMD), James Korsh (CST), Laurie MacPhail (Dent.), Mark C. Rahdert (Law), Charles Ruchalski (Pharm), Roberta Sloan (SCT), David Waldstreicher (Fac. Herald), Cheryl Mack (Coord.)

Absent:  Adam Davey (CHPSW), Michael W. Jackson (STHM), Tricia S. Jones, (Educ.), Stephanie Knopp (Tyl.), Arthur Schmidt (CLA), Jay Sinha (FSBM)

Call to Order:
The meeting began at 1:04 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes:
The Minutes from December 8, 2009, were approved unanimously.

President’s Report: Karen M. Turner

Karen Turner mentioned that Paul LaFollette, Joan Shapiro and she would be meeting with the Provost this Thursday. The agenda will include:

- Spring Retreat of the Faculty Senate Steering Committee with the Council of Deans;
- Status of the search for the Senior Vice Provost for Research Administration and for Graduate Education;
- 20/20 Plan;
- Review process of the bylaws of the colleges/schools;
- Other items that were discussed at the Provost’s Retreat with the Faculty Senate Steering Committee on December 4, 2009.

President Turner also talked about the visit she and Paul LaFollette carried out to the School of Engineering on December 9, 2009. She and Vice President LaFollette thought that the visit went well.

A discussion of the bylaws for the colleges/schools followed. The importance of having elected representatives to the Faculty Senate was emphasized. An election rather than the appointment process would be in keeping with the Senate’s Bylaws. Regarding the bylaws and other issues, President Turner is inviting Diane Maleson, Senior Vice Provost for Faculty Development and Faculty Affairs, to the next Faculty Senate Steering Committee Meeting. Ginny Lederman, Associate Counsel, may also join us.

President Turner reminded us of the Merit deadlines for 2008-2009 which are coming up soon.
Karen Turner also spoke of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and went over its membership. It includes, Tricia Jones (Educ.), Mark Rahnert (Law), Scott Gratson (SCT), Karen Turner (Pres.) and Paul LaFollette (V. Pres.). She said that she hoped this committee would meet briefly following today’s steering committee meeting.

President Turner also spoke of the Standing Committee on the Continuous Revision in Faculty Handbook that consisted of Bill Woodward (Law) as Convener, and Paul LaFollette (V. Pres.) and Joan Shapiro (Sec.) as members. She hoped this committee would begin meeting again.

President Turner reviewed upcoming Steering Committee guests. President Hart will be with us on February 2nd; Provost Lisa will join us on February 9th; and Provost Lisa will also be with us on April 20th.

CFO Tony Wagner and possibly President Hart will address the 20/20 Plan at the February representative senate meeting. In March, shared governance will be discussed. In April, Eleanor Myers, Faculty Athletics’ Representative, the Athletic Director, and four coaches will join us. The May meeting will possibly include the mention of retirees.

President Turner plans to invite Betsy Leebron Tutelman, Senior Vice Provost and Dean of Students, to one of our Steering Committee meetings. She also plans to invite the new Senior Vice President for Institutional Advancement, David L. Unruh, to talk with us.

It was felt that some of the changes that have taken place this year need to be institutionalized, such as the Faculty Senate Steering Committees’ Retreat with the Provost and participation in another retreat with the Council of Deans.

For next week’s monthly meeting on Monday, January 25th, the focus will be on the quality of life at Temple. President Turner asked the Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Life consisting of Charles Ruchalski (Pharm.), Mark Rahnert (Law), Paul LaFollette (Vice Pres.) and David Waldstreicher (Fac. Herald) to lead the discussion. One possible outcome from the meeting is that more faculty members will volunteer for the committee and another goal is that new salient issues will be introduced. The committee will focus on the balance between personal and professional life at Temple. The Committee on the Status of Women will be contacted and the Wellness Committee should be consulted. Also, Faculty Senate Steering Committee Minutes from February 3, 2009, will be reviewed.

**Vice President’s Report: Paul S. LaFollette**

Vice President LaFollette asked us to look over the timeline for the Faculty Senate nominations and elections. He gave the Steering Committee members homework. Their job is to look for likely candidates for the various vacancies, in particular for two members on the Educational Programs and Policies Committee (EPPC) and two members on the University Tenure and Promotion Advisory Committee. These committees are elected. It was pointed out that the Promotion and Tenure Committee is not as challenging and time-consuming as it once was.

Also a Nominating Committee was formed for the Faculty Senate Steering Committee that included Paul LaFollette (Vice Pres.), Robert Aiken (CST), and Mark Rahnert (LAW).
Unfinished Business:

There was a reminder that Peter Jones, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies, had not gotten back to us about the Honors Program. He did promise us a brief report.

There was another reminder that the 20/20 Plan should be brought up with the Provost, as we have received little feedback on it.

New Business:

There was a brief discussion as to how to utilize The Faculty Herald to encourage more representatives and faculty to take part in shared governance. One thought was to include a list of those who attended the monthly meetings and those who were absent. It was also discussed that the attendance could be listed by school or college.

There was a reminder that the Provost spoke of creating a block of time when nothing else would intrude on attending the monthly meetings. However, in the Law School and other professional schools, the block of time may not work out well.

David Waldstreicher (Fac. Herald) plans to write an enthusiastic editorial to encourage faculty to participate actively in their Faculty Senate.

Adjournment:

The meeting ended at 2:25 p.m.

Joan P. Shapiro
Secretary