Faculty Senate Steering Committee Meeting
March 15, 2011
Minutes

Present:
Paul S. LaFollette (Pres.), Joan Shapiro (V. Pres.), Roberta Sloan (Secy), Adam Davey (CHPSW), Joan Delalic (Engr.), Margaret Devinney (CLA), Don Harris (Law), Deborah Howe (SED), Luke Kahlich (BCMD), Stephanie Knopp (Tyler), Jim Korsh (CST), Michael Jackson (STHM), Tricia S. Jones (Educ.), Charles Jungreis (Med.), Laurie MacPhail (Dent.), Charles Ruchalski (Pharm.), Douglas Wager (SCT), David Waldstreicher (Fac. Herald), Cheryl Mack (Coord.)

Absent:
Karen Turner (Past President) on leave, Mark C. Rahdert (Law) on leave, Nora Alter (SCT) on leave, Jay Sinha (FSBM)

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order to 1:07 pm.

Approval of Minutes:
The minutes from the last Faculty Senate Steering Committee meeting were approved.

President’s Report – Paul S. LaFollette:
President LaFollette met with the Vice President and Provost, Richard Englert and President Ann Hart. New computers and furniture will be bought for the Faculty Senate offices. Englert broke down the budget for President LaFollette regarding the 50% cut in the budget proposed by the Governor. Apparently, if there are no changes of the Governor’s proposed budget, Temple will suffer an income loss of $104 million dollars, when adding a cut that will also come to the Health Sciences Center. Englert and Vice-President of the budget, Tony Wagner, are going to Harrisburg to discuss the budget tomorrow.

Englert has agreed to meet with some Faculty Senate Steering Committee members and various other faculty regarding the bylaws and the FSSC/Dean’s retreat.

The GLBTQ issue is now under the auspices of Bill Bergman and President LaFollette has been asked to speak with him about it. There is a fear that this will slow any action down.

It is President Hart’s understanding that most of the lawmakers are asking “if we give you more money, whom should we take it away from?” The answer that is anticipated is that Shale should be taxed as it is in many states, but not Pennsylvania.

It is President LaFollette’s understanding that we will not be able to recoup all of the money through tuition increases.

Vice President’s Report- Joan P. Shapiro:
Vice President Shapiro said the election will begin on March 21st at 9:00 am. There was some discussion of how long the election should take place and it was decided that it will take place over two weeks, as it has in the past.

VP Shapiro wishes to bring to your attention those who are eligible to serve another term on the FSSC even though their terms are up at the end of this semester. Luke Kahlich was complimented on his valiant service for two consecutive terms on the FSSC.

VP Shapiro asked that FSSC members who wish to serve another term speak to their collegial assemblies. Term limits were discussed.
Committee memberships are improving. There are enough names now for the UTPAC election, with the exception of the College of Liberal Arts. VP Shapiro mentioned vacancies on other committees.

VP Shapiro suggested to Herald Editor, David Waldstreicher, that he solicit committee reports to be published in the Faulty Herald’s final edition for the semester.

There is a real necessity for someone who is knowledgeable about the budget to be on the Faculty Senate Budget Review Committee, and it would be good if the person is also well-rounded and very student/faculty oriented.

VP Shapiro asked for status reports from a few FSSC subcommittees and these were given.

**New Business:**

President LaFollette said that CATA has been asked to suggest faculty members to be considered for the search committees for the new Provost and the new Dean of Libraries.

A parliamentarian is still needed. Professor Waldstreicher suggested reaching out to the Department of Political Science and the School of Law for someone who might serve in this capacity.

Professor Waldstreicher announced he was stepping down as the Faculty Herald editor, and asked the FSSC members go look for a replacement. The position usually comes with a course release and a stipend. The stipend is $7,500 for the year. President LaFollette said it is possible that the stipend will have to be negotiated each year. The Graduate Assistant would like to remain so someone who is trained will be available to help. Send recommendations and nominations to Professor Frank Friedman, frank.friedman@temple.edu.

President LaFollette passed out the flyer for the Faculty Symposium and FSSC members commented on the layout, font and wording.

FSSC Member Deborah Howe offered to work with Frank Friedman to revise the flyer on the symposium.

President LaFollette discussed his plan for the agenda for the next day’s Representative Faculty Senate Meeting.

President LaFollette invited the FSSC to comment upon the draft Faculty Senate Constitution. Various typos were identified and other types of suggestions were made.

There was a lively discussion regarding university hires and the question as to why CATA is not involved when faculty are appointed to search committees.

Our leadership role at this point regarding the budget might be to circle the wagons and to mobilize people to complain to Harrisburg.

We have had no progress reports from the Huron Group.

There seems to be a real proliferation of administrators. The hiring freeze does not seem to apply to administrative hires.

A lively discussion ensued regarding having excellent PR at this time when it is so important to show the positive impact of Temple. Apparently, Penn State is making a much stronger case than Temple. It was suggested that willing and talented faculty are not being used as consultants. It was mentioned that numbers and percentages, which Penn State is using very wisely, have not been employed to present Temple’s case publicly. Our numbers and percentages can be very impressive if good public relations are utilized to tell our story.
It was mentioned that the Marketing Task Force meeting time was decided upon without vetting the schedules of some of the faculty involved, who would like to attend, but now cannot. This does not seem to be the best way for the committee meetings to be scheduled.

The Budget Review Task Force should be the committee to ask why there is a proliferation of administrators and why faculty expertise is not being used. One faculty senator felt that this committee should be concerned with these issues.

It was suggested that development officers in each school and college could be of assistance in contacting alumni to gain their support.

The question of "why there is such disconnect between the administration and the faculty and students," was asked.

One senator mentioned that there is a perception that Temple is not keeping the students’ tuition low and that this is really not true.

A question came up as to whether or not Temple continues to be true to its original mission. A number of senators felt that Temple has not had the original mission in mind, of late.

There was serious discussion about the fact that the governor does not believe in higher education and would really like to cut the Commonwealth university budgets from the state to "0."

Senator Adam Davey suggested sending Hilty’s book on Temple to the governor, because this history presents such a good case for Temple.

**Adjournment:**
The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Sloan, Ph.D.
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