Faculty Senate Steering Committee Meeting  
March 29, 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), Michael Jackson (STHM), Charles Jungreis (Med.), Luke Kahlich (BCMD), Stephanie Knopp (Tyler), Jim Korsh (CST), Laurie MacPhail (Dent.), Douglas Wager (SCT), Cheryl Mack (Coord.)

Absent:
Karen Turner (Past President) on leave, Mark C. Rahdert (Law) on leave, Tricia S. Jones (Educ.) on leave, Nora Alter (SCT) on leave, Jay Sinha (FSBM), Charles Ruchalski (Pharmacy)

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order to 1:05 pm.

Approval of Minutes:
The minutes from the March 15 and March 22 FSSC meetings were approved.

President’s Report - Paul LaFollette:
President LaFollette reported that he met with Vice President and Provost Englert and President Hart. He discussed with Provost Englert the Task Force Motion that was passed at the last Faculty Senate Meeting. There will be an upcoming meeting to discuss the bylaw revisions with Senior Vice Provost of Faculty Affairs and Development Diane Maleson, Senator Jim Korsh, Senator Jeffrey Solow, President LaFollette and Dean of the Fox School of Business and Management, Moshe Porat in the near future. President LaFollette also went over some aspects of the proposed changes to the Senate Bylaws.

Vice President’s Report – Joan Shapiro:
Vice President Joan Shapiro thanked Senator Michael Jackson for encouraging three faculty members from his department to offer to serve on university committees. All three were approved by a vote of the Faculty Senate Steering Committee. She further encouraged FSSC members to find faculty members willing to serve on Senate Committees that still have openings.

Guests: Bill Bradshaw, Director of Athletics; Michele O’Connor, Associate Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies; Justin Miller, Head of the Student-Athlete Academic Advising & Support Center (SAAASC), and Eleanor W. Myers, Faculty Representative to the Athletic Department.

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President LaFollette introduced the above four guests to the FSSC. Professor Eleanor Myers explained that her position as Faculty Representative to the Athletic Department is mandated by the athletic organizations that oversee university athletics. She introduced the three staff members who accompanied her and each explained what they do. The newest member of the group is Justin Miller, who is the Head of the Student-Athlete Academic Advising and Support Center.

An explanatory hand-out explained the activities of the Center, where some of the employees are from, and what the services of the center include. He pointed out that the student athletes need the most help as freshmen and sophomores, and that by the time they are juniors and seniors, they are more acclimated to Temple, their athletic responsibilities and how they can coordinate these with their studies. Director of Athletics Bill Bradshaw invited and encouraged the FSSC members to come to
practice sessions and games. All four guests invited follow-up from any FSSC members who would like to interact with the Athletic Department.

President LaFollette thanked the guests for their informative presentation.

Continuation of Vice-President’s Report:

A lively discussion ensued regarding appointed and elected members of committees. Many FSSC members had strong opinions.

New Business:

President LaFollette mentioned that he would like to focus solely on the Faculty Senate Bylaws at the next FSSC meeting. He mentioned that he has received only two comments regarding the proposed constitutional changes.

There followed a discussion of when the University Faculty Meetings vis-a-vis Representative Faculty Meetings should take place. No definitive conclusion was reached.

President LaFollette mentioned that Senior Vice Provost of Undergraduate Studies, Peter Jones, is particularly looking at helping “at risk” students. A senator mentioned that “at risk” students and students who have different modalities of learning both need help, and that he was impressed that, according to the guests, a number of the coaches are very aware of different learning modalities and interested in approaching their student athletes in the ways they learn best.

Some serious reservations were expressed about allocation of resources at the university. The question was posed, for instance, why do the athletes have six advisors for approximately 550+ athletes, whereas some schools have only two advisors for over two thousand students?

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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