Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Tuesday, March 13, 2012
Minutes

Present: Paul S. LaFollette (Pres.), Joan Shapiro (V. Pres.), Karen Turner (Past President), Nora Alter (SCT), Adam Davey (CHPSW), Joan Delalic (Engr.)[teleconferenced], Deborah Howe (SED), Forrest Huffman (FSBM), Michael Jackson (STHM), Michael Jacobs (Phar), Tricia S. Jones (Educ.), Charles Jungreis (Med.), Stephanie Knopp (Tyler), Jim Korsh (CST), Laurie MacPhail (Dent.), David Waldstreicher (Fac. Herald), Cheryl Mack (Coord.)

Absent: Mark C. Rahdert (Secy), Mark Anderson (Law), Jeffrey Draine (SSW), Joseph Schwartz (CLA), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD)

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 1:09pm.

Approval of Minutes:
The approval of the minutes was postponed until next meeting.

President’s Report: The president’s report was provided by Paul LaFollette.

1. He provided an update on the Presidential Search Committee. The committee progress is proceeding, although he couldn’t give more details due to confidentiality. They have had multiple meetings. Apparently there will not be site visits by candidates although the search committee has received encouragement to have campus visits. It was suggested that FSSC and faculty should comment, perhaps after the process is complete, about lack of faculty input on the search committee and no campus visits.

2. The Provost will be releasing this week (before Friday) three important documents to all faculty:
   - work force response (from President, her response on task force)
   - SFFs document (will start the online process this summer; no feedback to students until response rate is higher)
   - white paper recommendations – his report will discuss already implemented, some proposed implementation,

Paul indicated that in his conversation with the Provost, the Provost shared addition information. According to the Provost, he will be meeting with Deans to discuss budgetary issues. The Governor is not budging on the 30% budget cut figure. The Provost said he will offer more time for discussion of the white paper and his original deadline will be pushed back a bit. The Provost will be at the Faculty Senate meeting on Friday to discuss these issues with us.
Porrata-Doria gave a presentation on the Temple University budget. His PowerPoint of the presentation and the accompanying document of the Temple 2011-2012 budget summary were presented to FSSC (documents available for review on the FSSC web site). During the presentation he made several valuable points including:

- There are two documents needed to understand financial conditions of the university (financial statements of last year). The major difference between budget and financial statements is the former is a projection of expected assets and expenses and the latter is a report on actual assets and expenses. The financial statement reports assets/debts, valuation, assets/liability/equity; also statement of income and expense; cash flow statement – I started the year with X and ended with Y. The budget document describes material assumptions used to make calculations; usually shows previous year’s budget for calculations and comparison (budget assumptions listed in the larger document provided).

- In his review of the budget document he noted that tuition increase was and will be a significant concern. The tuition for non-residents was going to be proportionately less than that for PA residents; the administration feels we need to recruit more Out-of-state students. There is a different level of increase for Professional schools; the tuition differential suggestion for a 3 year phase in is being used for the first time.
- He reported that he had asked to see a draft of this budget since March and it was not released until July.

- This budget is based on a 25% state appropriation reduction and the actual was 19%. As chair of the committee, he has asked but has not received information about where the discrepancies have been adjusted in the actual budget.

- There is 24.7$ million in salary increases and fringes (to cover increases of faculty already under contract). Changes in benefits costs have not been included.

- Only one hard copy of full budget detail is available in the library. He has requested an e-version from the Provost and they have not provided this. He has not had time to go to the library and copy that budget detail document.

- There was a substantial time lag between when the budget was finished and when the budget detail document was released.

- This budget is different than looking at the financials; he is willing to review that document with FSSC at a later date.

- He emphasized that managing tuition is going to be critical.

- We are now hearing from the legislature that they do not have an appetite for tuition increases.

The FSSC members had several questions including:
• How much money is development bringing in? What is their proportion of success?
• Where do we find that in the budget documents?
• What is the costs factor for increasing grant money? Is that what they mean by increasing research dollars?
• Is there a cost benefit analysis for any of these entities? Is there an analysis of Return on Investment? (His response was that he had never seen those documents or data during the budget committee deliberations.
• Are you aware of the Northeast Neighborhood Improvement Committee (1.5$ million over 5 years) – why is it not in the budget?
• Was the senior retirement incentive plan in the budget? (He indicated, no)

3. The President continued with information on the Summer Schools Task Force. We need faculty member recommendations. Forrest and Michael suggested Kathleen Davis and Forrest and Tricia recommended Steve Pyser. It was felt there should be at least one CLA person as well. Deborah will be recommended for task force. David said that he would be willing to serve if someone else from CLA needed. And Joe Schwartz was also recommended. It was moved that we strongly recommend to the Provost the following five faculty members (David, Joe, Kathleen, Steve, and Deborah). The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Vice President’s Report:

Joan Shapiro indicated that the FSSC members have been provided with the latest vacancy sheet on committees. She encouraged all members to use their listservs to ask for self-nominees and to remind faculty interested that we need a short CV and statement of interest by March 20th at the latest.

She also mentioned that there is a distance learning standards group headed by Catherine Schiffer. If faculty are interested in that group contact Joan. Karen Turner said she would.

Before ending the meeting, Paul LaFollette gave an overview of the agenda for the upcoming Faculty Senate meeting: Provost’s report and a brief version of Rafael’s report. He indicated that for the next FSSC meeting he has invited President of student senate.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Tricia S. Jones, FSSC Member