Faculty Senate Steering Committee Meeting  
September 20, 2011  
Minutes

Present:
Paul S. LaFollette (Pres.), Joan Shapiro (V. Pres.), Karen Turner (Past President), Nora Alter (SCT), Joan Delalic (Engr.), Deborah Howe (SED), Forrest Huffman (FSBM), Michael Jackson (STHM), Michael Jacobs (Pharm), Tricia S. Jones (Educ.), Charles Jungreis (Med.), Stephanie Knopp (Tyler), Jim Korsh (CST), Mark C. Rahdert (Law), Joseph Schwartz (CLA), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD), David Waldstreicher (Fac. Herald), Cheryl Mack (Coord.)

Absent:
Adam Davey (CHPSW), Laurie MacPhail (Dent.)

1. Call to Order:
President LaFollette called the meeting to order at 1:04PM with your loyal interim secretary at your service.

2. Approval of Minutes:
The September 13, 2011 FSSC Meeting Minutes were approved as written.

3. President’s Report:
- Provost retreat
  - All parties agree this shall proceed this fall.
    - Dates and times were considered, but no final decision has been determined.
    - A venue has not yet been determined.
    - Topics – much discussion ensued about potential topics, but the financial realities and possible restructuring of some schools and colleges in the University were featured as potential focus points.
    - In previous discussions and meetings with the FSSC, the Provost had expressed his hope to provide a “white paper” outlining his plans. He may or may not release this before the retreat.
- A request last week for guidance from a faculty member in the Anthropology Department had been discussed related to reallocation of laboratory space. The Provost agreed to review the situation but we do not have follow-up regarding a resolution.
- Temple University Presidential Search
  - As we are all aware, President Hart has tendered her resignation effective June 30, 2012.
  - A faculty group composed of the FSSC President LaFollette, FSSC VP Joan Shapiro, and Professor Jane Evans will be meeting with the Chairman of the Board of the University to discuss that faculty members are insightful about the necessary qualifications for the position, are standing by to assist in this search, and wish in some form to be included as part of the process.

4. Vice President’s Report:
- The faculty senate still needs a permanent secretary. Anyone interested in this important position is asked to contact the FSSC.
- Many faculty committees still need members.
  - Please encourage your colleagues.
o The first priority is “elected committees” (those committees into which members are elected rather than appointed).
  o A particularly vital committee is CATA (Committee on Administrative and Trustee Appointments) which still has vacancies.
  o EPPC (Educational Programs and Policies Committee) needs a Fox School of Business representative.
  o The current committees and vacancies will be listed on the Blackboard shortly. Please consider helping. “Shared governance” can only occur if faculty members become involved.

- General Education – requirements and operations should be reviewed and will be a topic for another day.

5. Guest Attendees: Professors Marina Angel (Law) and Dennis Silage (Engineering) from the RPPC (Research Programs and Policies Committee).
  - Research dollars at Temple are lower than desired. Temple was recently noted to be only “132”.
  - Contentions by the RPPC:
    - Excellent faculty reviewers are available on this committee, and excellent researchers are present on the faculty.
    - Seed money properly allocated can result in significant extramural funding. The RPPC will attempt to recover files confirming this.
    - The administration has not utilized the RPPC to its fullest potential.
    - The budget (seed money) for the RPPC is too little. Many worthy proposals receive either inadequate or no funds.
    - Alternative sources of seed money at Temple may be competing for the available funds budgeted to the RPPC.
    - Entrepreneurial endeavors may be fostered with appropriate scientific reviews.
    - Multidisciplinary proposals are strongly encouraged.
  - The RPPC guests thanked the FSSC for brainstorming and will consider strategies to discuss with the administration to increase the funds allocated to the RPPC for distribution.

6. Old Business:
None

7. New Business:
None

8. Adjournment:
Meeting was adjourned at 3:04PM.

Optimistically submitted,

Chip Jungreis (interim secretary?)