Faculty Senate Steering Committee Meeting  
October 4, 2011  
Minutes

Present:
Paul S. LaFollette (Pres.), Joan Shapiro (V. Pres.), Karen Turner (Past President), Nora Alter (SCT), Michael Jackson (STHM), Michael Jacobs (Phar), Charles Jungreis (Med.), Deborah Howe (SED)(via TL), Stephanie Knopp (Tyler), Jim Korsh (CST), Laurie MacPhail (Dent.), Mark C. Rahdert (Law), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD), David Waldstreicher (Fac. Herald), Cheryl Mack (Coord.)

Absent: Adam Davey (CHPSW), Joan Delalic (Engr.), Tricia S. Jones (Educ.), Joseph Schwartz (CLA),

1. Call to Order:  
The meeting was called to order at 1:04PM (note that the important people arrived early)

2. Approval of Minutes:  
The September 27, 2011 FSSC Meeting Minutes were approved.

3. FSSC President’s Report:  
   • Temple University Presidential Search  
     o As we are all aware, President Hart has tendered her resignation effective June 30, 2012.  
     o A faculty group led by the FSSC President LaFollette met with the Chairman of the Board of the University, Patrick O’Connor, 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.  
       ▪ Mr. O’Connor agreed that 2-3 faculty members would be an excellent addition to the search committee.  
         • He requested that Paul LaFollette be one of the choices.  
         • The FSSC will request CATA (Committee for Administrative and Trustee Appointments) to provide additional suggestions from which the Board will choose. CATA will be sending out a call for nominations for faculty members willing to be nominated as potential candidates.  
         • The board will choose the members of the search committee.  
         • The board will choose the next president after soliciting faculty input via the committee.  
       ▪ In addition, Mr. O’Connor suggested that at least annually the Board and the FSSC should meet to discuss appropriate issues together.  
     o The FSSC discussed the skill set and profile for a successful university president. FSSC president LaFollette will formulate a brief summary of the perceived qualifications necessary for the university president and share them with Chairman of the Board, Patrick O’Connor.  
   • Provost retreat this fall (Provost with the FSSC)  
     o Date - Tuesday, October 18, 2011, 10AM to 2PM. Many FSSC members have conflicts for all or part of this time, but they are, nevertheless,
encouraged to participate for as much of the event as possible. (Rumors are that lunch will be served!)

- Location – to be 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.
  - Before the retreat, the topics on the agenda will be developed and shared with the Provost so that any supporting data that might be required can be prepared both by the Provost and the faculty.
  - FSSC members are encouraged to supply documents such as budgets and “white papers” to President LaFollette so he can attempt to amalgamate the information in preparation for the retreat. Note that one should expect that any documents that are supplied will be made public, so confidential material should not be forwarded.

- T and P Committee (Tenure and Promotions Committee) – members of this committee are required to sign a confidentiality agreement in order to participate. Some of the wording at the end of the document may require reconsideration and President LaFollette will discuss this with the Provost.

4. FSSC Vice President’s Report
- Faculty Committees
  - Some committees in which vacancies remain require the faculty to elect members.
    - An electronic election began this week on Monday, October 3, 2011 at 10AM and will run until Friday. Please vote!
    - Note that the election also includes the secretarial position which is an important position to fill permanently, and rumor has it that an excellent candidate is running.
  - Some committees are filled by FSSC appointments, and several vacancies were filled at the FSSC meeting today. Faculty appointments to committee include:
    - Judith Flaxman (FSBM) – Lectures & Forums Committee
    - Harold Klein (FSBM) – CATA
    - Michael Sirover (TUSM) – Faculty Herald Editorial Board
  - Please encourage your colleagues. The current committees and vacancies are listed on the Blackboard. Please consider helping. “Shared governance” can only occur if faculty members become involved.
- The FSSC gives a special thanks to our coordinator, Cheryl Mack, for her great effort orchestrating this election.

5. Guest Attendees:
None today.

6. New Business
- Graduate Board Meeting last week – a recap was provided
  - Proposed bylaws for this entity were discussed.
    - A potential deficiency in the draft of the bylaws was identified as a lack of delineation of the qualifications for the head of this board.
Another possible deficiency was the lack of a defined procedure for amendments.

The draft in the current form was rejected by a vote.

- Upheld by a vote was a name change to the Graduate Council.

**TASK force on Community Relations**

- Several recent undesirable encounters between Temple students and neighbors in the vicinity of the main campus have occurred.
- A TASK force is being assembled to review and remedy the situation.
- The FSSC suggests that a faculty member be included on the Task force.

7. **Announcements:**

- Elections this week (with any luck we will gain a fabulous permanent secretary to whom I will be eternally grateful).
  - Monday, 10:30AM, October 3, 2011:
  - Voting for the Fall 2011 Senate Elections is NOW open. The voting site will remain active through Friday, October 7th, 5:00 PM.
  - There is one ballot. It is for the election of Senate Secretary and members to the following Senate Elected committees:
    - Educational Programs and Policies Committee
    - Research Programs and Policies Committee
    - University Honors Program Oversight Committee
    - University Sabbatical Committee
    - University Tenure and Promotion Advisory Committee
  - To access the candidate statements/bios/CVs visit the senate website at [http://www.temple.edu/senate/elections.htm](http://www.temple.edu/senate/elections.htm)
  - After reviewing the candidates’ information, click on the VOTE NOW link at the top of the Senate elections page to get to the ballot. The link to go directly to the elections ballot is [https://atlas.ocis.temple.edu/facultysenate/AppDev](https://atlas.ocis.temple.edu/facultysenate/AppDev)
  - Any voting problems should be directed to Cheryl Mack, Senate Coordinator at [senate2@temple.edu](mailto:senate2@temple.edu) or 1-8698.
  - The election results will be announced via the Faculty listserv on Monday, October 10th and at the October 11th Representative Senate meeting.

- Representative Faculty Senate Meeting next Tuesday, October 11, at 1:30PM in Kiva auditorium. (Be there or be square! Our senior faculty can explain this phrase to our more junior faculty.) An agenda is in preparation.

8. **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:13PM.

Passionately submitted,
Chip Jungreis  (interim secretary)