

Faculty Senate Steering Committee  
Tuesday, September 23, 2014  
3B Conwell Hall  
Minutes

**Present:** Tricia Jones (Pres.), Deborah Howe (Vice Pres.), Adam Davey (Secy.), Mark Rahdert (Past-Pres.), Raghbir Athwal (TUSM), Li Bai (Engr), Kenneth Boberick (DENT), Cheri Carter (SSW), Teresa Gill Cirillo (FSBM) Michael W. Jackson (STHM), Michael Jacobs (Pharm), Stephanie Knopp (Tyl), Jim Korsh (CST), Paul LaFollette (Fac. Herald), Michael Sachs (CHP), Catherine Schifter (Educ), Joseph Schwartz (CLA), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD), Karen M. Turner (SMC), Cheryl Mack (Coord.)

**Absent:**

Matt Miller (TFMA), James Shellenberger (LAW)

**1. Call to order**

Vice President Howe called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

**2. President's Report:**

a) Update on discussion with Katie D'Angelo from CFO's office  
Discussion continues regarding structure of president's session on faculty governance. Current plan to discuss focused content from current and past FSSC presidents, followed by a Q&A session.

Intend to gather attitudes before and after session on faculty governance via SurveyMonkey or similar mechanism, and perhaps clicker or similar.

b. Update on October 14th session and working group structures  
RPM development workshop dates will follow via e-mail.  
Updated agenda will be distributed by listserv by end of week.

**3. Guest: Howard Spodek, Chair of International Programs Committee**

a. Update on process of IPC

Dr. Spodek shared information about several major initiatives underway.

Global Temple: Showcase each November, open to faculty, for individuals working in international studies to share work.

International Studies Day: Information for students on range of international programs available. Two Assistant Vice-Presidents deal with student "imports" and "exports", respectively. A first area, headed by Denise Connerty ("exports"), involves faculty in determining which new programs for development, particularly with regard to validation of more "boutique" (smaller-scale, tailored) programs. IPC subcommittee is working on this aspect, which accounts for approximately 1/3 of the committee's work.

A second area, headed by Brooke Walker (“imports”), addresses international visitors, and also includes faculty involvement. Dealing with advising and writing skills is a portion of this subcommittee’s work.

A third subcommittee aims to assist faculty with their own international work (e.g., alerting them to fellowships and opportunities). Additional information will be disseminated to faculty over the semester, with Fulbright scholarships as the centerpiece.

Vice President Howe posed the following questions for follow-up from Dr. Spodek via e-mail or telephone at a later time.

b. Discussion on agenda for 2014-2015

c. Needs from FSSC

#### **4. Vice President's Report:**

a. Appointments

David Pryluck (TUSM) was appointed to EPPC

Jay Krishnan (FSBM) and Albert Wertheimer (Phar) were appointed to the Sabbatical Committee

#### **5. New Business**

a. Diversity Symposium

Vice President Howe encouraged all FSSC members to plan to attend at least part of the Diversity Symposium and to encourage our colleagues to do the same. The basic full day event structure is now essentially set. “Speak Out” booths will operate from 8-12. Opening remarks will be at 9:30. Karen Umemoto will be facilitating the morning’s process. Lunch will follow. At 1:00 Mayor Nutter will speak. The afternoon’s work will represent Dr. Umemoto’s synthesis of the data from the morning’s sessions, along with presentations by Ken Lawrence and Joyce Wilkerson, followed by small groups discussion. The result will be an action plan that will be reported at a subsequent retreat. President Jones asks that if FSSC sees opportunities to add to the materials that will circulate in order to increase the appeal of the Diversity Symposium that they respond within approximately a 24-hour window.

b. Budget Review Committees

There was discussion around the process of gathering information regarding membership, practice and process for each College’s Budget Review Committee.

#### **6. Old Business**

There was no old business.

#### **7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, September 30, 1:00 pm**

Adam Davey  
Secretary