

Minutes
Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Tuesday, January 27, 2015 – 1:00 pm
via Conference Call

Present: Tricia Jones (Pres.), Deborah Howe (Vice Pres.), Adam Davey (Secy.), Mark Rahdert (Past-Pres.), Raghbir Athwal (TUSM), Li Bai (Engr), Teresa Gill Cirillo (FSBM) Jane Evans (TYL) Jim Korsh (CST), Michael Sachs (CHP), Catherine Schifter (Educ), Joseph Schwartz (CLA), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD), Karen M. Turner (SMC), Cheryl Mack (Coord.)

Absent: Kenneth Boberick (DENT), Cheri Carter (SSW), Michael W. Jackson (STHM), Michael Jacobs (Pharm), Paul LaFollette (Fac. Herald), Matthew Miller (TFMA), James Shellenberger (LAW)

1. Call to Order

President Jones called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from January 13 were approved.

3. President's Report

i) The Provost's office appears to be closing in on a Vice President for Faculty Affairs appointment.

ii) Ken Kaiser's office indicated that he was given the impression from President Theobald's office that the FSSC was highly critical of information from Kaiser's office and the budget model. President Jones reinforced how much we value the excellent work that Kaiser's office was doing and indicated that ongoing concerns were concentrated at the level of specific colleges.

iii) President Jones held a conference call last week with the adjunct task force group from Leadership Academy, of which Secretary Davey is a member, to work on developing a survey on adjunct faculty at Temple University.

4. Vice President's Report

i) Harold Klein indicated that CATA should participate in the selection for Vice President for Faculty Affairs. It was suggested that, in the future, CATA should immediately be notified when such opportunities arise such as for the Dean's review committees. There was agreement regarding the VPFA position, but disagreement with the Dean's review

committees. There was support for the idea that having the Provost go to different and diverse sources to involve representatives may be a stronger choice.

ii) A call went out for nominating committees. Mark Rahdert has agreed to chair the committee, but he will require two more individuals in order to proceed. Teresa Cirillo and Jane Evans graciously agreed to serve.

iii) Vice President Howe circulated draft descriptions of committee composition and charge for the University Honors Oversight and University Sabbatical committees to the FSSC. These have been reviewed and approved by Diane Maleson and Erin Palmer. An additional section on workload and timing will be added prior to voting on the proposed changes at the next FSSC meeting.

iv) The Budget Review Committee requires 3 additional members. Steve Balsam and Jane Evans have agreed to continue in this capacity and were unanimously approved for reappointment; for the remaining vacant position, Nancy Turner (University Libraries) was recommended and unanimously approved for selection.

5. Guest: None

6. Deans' review nominations: Engineering and Center for the Arts

Engineering: Li Bai and Valerie Peridier were recommended and unanimously approved for recommended nominees for Engineering.

Center for the Arts: David Cannata and Maurice Wright were recommended and unanimously approved for recommended nominees for Boyer. A list of potential nominees for TFMA was generated for comparison with Collegial Assembly nominees and willingness to serve in this capacity.

7. UTPAC discussion

Following presentation of the side letter associated with the new contract at the last Faculty Senate meeting, there has been considerable concern and confusion about changes in the process related to subcommittees for promotion and tenure. The FSSC wishes to clarify the procedures and reinforce the FSSC's role in this process via a clarification statement, invitation for feedback, and other discussion forums. To begin the process, the FSSC will generate a series of questions, issue statements, and concerns in order to respond quickly to these changes. Clarifying issues of timing and self-determination of subcommittees, etc., will be central in this process. It was suggested that a subcommittee comprised of FSSC officers and others from the FSSC be convened to work on this issue. It was suggested that an hour following each weekly FSSC meeting in person and/or via Webex would be a useful venue to continue these discussions with faculty.

8. Old Business

There was no old business.

9. New Business

There was no new business.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 3, 1:00 pm

Adam Davey

Secretary