

Minutes  
Faculty Senate Steering Committee  
Tuesday, February 3, 2015  
3B Conwell Hall

Attendance:

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), Michael Jacobs (Pharm), Jim Korsh (CST), Paul LaFollette (Fac. Herald), Matthew Miller (TFMA), 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), 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 27, 2015 were approved.

3. President's Report

a. Adjunct resolution

In light of the rapidly evolving labor situation for Temple's adjunct faculty, there was discussion of implications for the planned survey of adjunct faculty and other activities of the university task force on adjunct faculty.

A proposed resolution regarding senate neutrality on adjunct faculty organization was distributed for discussion. A motion was unanimously approved to circulate the resolution to the representative senators prior to the next representative faculty senate meeting.

b. Dean's Review Committee

Marilyn Holsing was unanimously approved as a candidate to be forwarded for the Center for the Arts Dean Review Committee.

c. Announcement of the new Vice President for Faculty Affairs

Kevin Delaney has agreed to visit the FSSC. A date will be set in the near future once he has had the opportunity to meet with key Temple administrators.

d. Draft for UTPAC

There was discussion about a number of issues related to the new three disciplinary subcommittees for promotion and tenure. A number of issues remain unclear or unresolved. Specifically, there were concerns about whether the scope of the committees was sufficient to cover professional and clinical/practice units,

as well as the role of candidate choice of committee and its timing. Many departments are so broad in scope as to span multiple committees, and interdisciplinary or cross-cutting research may not be well served under this new model.

- e. Update on budget review conferences  
President Jones noted the excellent work on this topic by Ken Kaiser and Katie D'Angelo. President Jones will also extend a formal invitation for Ken Kaiser to speak with the Faculty Senate Steering Committee. A series of spring budget review meetings should be forthcoming.
4. Vice President's Report
- a. Revised committee website materials  
Amended materials were distributed for University Sabbatical committee. These were unanimously approved as circulated. Amended materials distributed for the University Research and Creative Achievements Awards committee were approved as amended. Amended materials were distributed for University Honors Oversight. A motion was made to circulate an amended version on the FSSC listserv for review.
5. Guest: Eleanor Myers  
Eleanor Myers, who is the outgoing Faculty Athletics Representative, spoke with the FSSC about the scope of this role and offered her reflections on opportunities for the success in this complex position in the future.
6. Old Business  
There was no old business.
7. New Business  
There was no new business.
8. Adjournment  
The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

**Next meeting: Feb 10, 1:00pm**

Adam Davey  
Secretary