

Agenda
Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Tuesday, February 10, 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), Cheri Carter (SSW), Teresa Gill Cirillo (FSBM) Jane Evans (TYL) Michael W. Jackson (STHM), 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), Stephanie, Knoop (TYL), James Shellenberger (LAW),

1. Call to Order

President Jones called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from February 3, 2015, were approved.

3. President's Report

a. Update on Adjunct Faculty Task Force

President Jones met with Eric Brunner and recommended putting the survey of adjuncts on hold for the moment. The Leadership Academy team will continue development of the questionnaire, but it will not be disseminated until the relevant labor issues are further resolved.

b. Update on RCM Budget Review Work

It was suggested that the FSSC put forward an open call for involvement in the planned RCM budget review committees in order to increase opportunities for participation and to ensure that the process moves forward in a timely manner. Kaiser is checking his calendar to see if he can speak with the FSSC in February.

c. Update on Discussion with Kevin Delaney

VPFA Delaney has confirmed that the three P&T review committees will replace current UTPAC. The role of current UTPAC members is unclear as is whether new elections will need to be held. Interaction

among committees A, B, and C is not yet fully defined, but it seems likely that some degree of communication will be necessary. Possibility of faculty co-chair is something that may be considered. Supports for faculty elected to committees A, B, and C have not yet been considered, but will need to be. The issue of self-determination in terms of selecting a review committee is something that needs to be considered and thought through fully. Further, timing of this determination will require full consideration. There was also some discussion about whether all faculty would be eligible to serve on all committees. There was also discussion about where practice/clinical faculty would best be considered. President Jones requested a period of faculty input before these new procedures are implemented based on decisions made centrally.

4. Vice President's Report

a. Elections Process

A proposed resolution was circulated regarding term limits, including partial terms. The resolution was unanimously approved as amended. An updated elections timeline was circulated; many deadlines are imminent. A call for nominations will circulate very soon. Past President Rahdert provided an update on the timeline for the nominating committee.

b. Other

President Jones and Vice-President Howe will be meeting with Vice Provost for Research Masucci about RPPC.

5. New Business

a. Open Discussion of Initial FSSC Consideration on UTPAC

The FSSC began discussions regarding alignment of UTPAC and the side letter under the new contract.

b. Looking at Workload and CA Side Letter Discussions

Language in the new contract, coupled with changes to the academic calendar, have the potential to substantially affect how workload may be allocated across the academic and calendar years.

6. Guest: Nilgun Anadolu-Okur, Cmte on Status of Women

Membership on the committee has been shrinking a little in recent years, and so there is interest in growing the committee and its membership. Faculty are

invited to contact Dr. Anadolu-Okur at anadolu@temple.edu for more information. Addressing issues of salary equity and campus childcare are areas for further consideration. Another suggestion was a faculty “reading room” for students and (retired) faculty to engage with one another around topics to improve the status of women on campus. A final issue of central importance is with regard to mentorship opportunities for junior faculty (such as, for example, preparing a dossier or portfolio, or help with preparation of a book prospectus). It was suggested that planning of a one-day committee could be a very helpful way to invigorate interest in the status on women at Temple University. A number of potential topics were considered.

7. Old Business

There was no old business.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 17, 2015

Adam Davey
Secretary