

Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Tuesday, February 24, 2015
3B Conwell Hall
Minutes

Attendance:

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), Jane Evans (TYL), Michael W. Jackson (STHM), Michael Jacobs (Pharm), Jim Korsh (CST), Paul LaFollette (Fac. Herald), Michael Sachs (CHP), James Shellenberger (LAW), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD), Karen M. Turner (SMC), Cheryl Mack (Coord.)

Absent: Teresa Gill Cirillo (FSBM), Matthew Miller (TFMA), Catherine Schifter (Educ), Joseph Schwartz (CLA)

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from February 10 and February 17 were approved.

3. President's Report

- a. There appears to be some discussion of a Temple College in Shenzhen, China, distinct from the 2+2 program mentioned by the Provost in the January 20 Faculty Senate meeting. President Jones will try to seek some clarity about whether these plans cross college boundaries and so thus fall under the purview of the Faculty Senate.
- b. The Faculty Senate will distribute the Faculty Senate statement on adjunct faculty organization, approved at the January 20 Faculty Senate meeting, to the full faculty.

4. Vice President's Report

- a. Lila Corwin Berman was unanimously approved for appointment to the University Honors Program Oversight Committee.
- b. Vice President Howe will put out a call to faculty to solicit individuals interested in an exploratory committee on childcare issues as mandated by a side letter under the new contract.
- c. A thoughtfully revised draft charge for the Research Programs and Policies Committee was circulated to try and provide renewed focus, purpose, and energy for the committee. The FSSC suggested a number of constructive changes to language in the document, and also recommended that the language include updates similar to what has been done for other committees (e.g., workload, term limits).

5. Guest: Monica Hankins-Padilla from Campus Safety

Walking escort program has been implemented, operates from 4 p.m. and 6 a.m., includes, TUCC, and feedback is welcomed on how it is working. TU Alerts have increased this year. This is a result of extended boundaries around the campus. Temple sends alerts as well as events that affect the campus community.

6. Old Business

There was no old business.

7. New Business

Terms are expiring for a number of FSSC members. Members whose terms are expiring should communicate with Cheryl about whether they are interested in continuing their service so that appropriate steps can be taken.

The Provost has provided a computer, space, and software licenses for production of the Faculty Herald, but there are remaining licensing issues that hopefully can be resolved in the near future. Suggestions were provided for a number of visitors to the FSSC meetings.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 10, 2015

Adam Davey
Secretary