

Minutes  
Faculty Senate Steering Committee  
Tuesday, April 21, 2015  
3B Conwell Hall

Attendance:

Present: Tricia Jones (Pres.), Deborah Howe [tele] (Vice Pres.), Adam Davey (Secy.), Mark Rahdert (Past-Pres.), Raghbir Athwal (TUSM), Li Bai (Engr), Kenneth Boberick (DENT), 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), Karen M. Turner (SMC), Cheryl Mack (Coord.)

Absent: Cheri Carter (SSW), James Shellenberger (LAW), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD)

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from April 14 were approved with one abstention.

3. President's Report

- a. FSSC Meeting Schedule. It was suggested that the FSSC meet twice monthly between September and April (one in December), in addition to the monthly Faculty Senate meeting. Additional meetings may be called as needed. There was general approval for this suggestion.
- b. Michele Masucci. Next week, the FSSC will meet with Vice Provost Masucci about Temple's research enterprise.
- c. Diversity Symposium. The FSSC will once again co-sponsor the Diversity Symposium next year, incorporating the "lessons learned" from supporting the process this year.

4. Vice President's Report

- a. All faculty senate committee chairs have been contacted for reports. Five committees did not meet. As reports come in, they will be forwarded to the Faculty Herald for publication.
- b. A note has been sent to individuals whose terms are expiring. Initial response has not been overwhelming.

5. Guest: Joseph Lucia, Dean of University Libraries (1:15-2:00 pm)

- a. Status of the Library Building Project. Tomorrow, the "100% design documents" will be delivered from the architect, including all structural, mechanical, and plan level details. Reaching this milestone is expected to permit wider sharing of information about this high profile project. Approximately 2M volumes will be held in a high-density robotic storage facility. (Its capacity is approximately 10% above this.) Approximately 10% of the collection will be housed in open shelving based on current physical usage data and discipline. This economy of space permits allocating a larger

amount of space for public use (e.g., small and medium collaboration rooms, 5 instruction rooms, 3 reading room areas, 1 closed reading room, and a digital scholarship center with an immersive data visualization component). There will also be properly conditioned conservation spaces, an acoustically buffered event space, and a 24-hour café. The building will also integrate the writing center and math and science center. The goal is to build a library that is engaged with the expression and creation of knowledge, not just its storage and organization. The cost-structure estimate should be available by mid-May. LEED gold certification is the library goal, given current budget constraints. Dean Lucia invited the Faculty Senate to host a meeting in the new space, once it is fully operational.

6. Old Business

There was no old business.

7. New Business

The FSSC will continue to seek new, potentially more inclusive spaces to meet. Meeting dates will be selected around availability of specific locations. MBA Commons has been booked for the September 9 Faculty Senate meeting. Morgan Hall, SERC, SAC, and other spaces are also under consideration.

Barbara Dolhansky has agreed to meet with us.

The Faculty Service Brunch is scheduled for Wednesday November 11 in the MBA Commons.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

**Final meeting of semester: Tuesday, April 28, 2015**

***Lunch 12:00-1:00 PM, 3B Conwell Hall***

Adam Davey

Secretary