

Representative Senate Meeting
March 18, 2015 – 1:45 pm
Kiva Auditorium
Videoconference: HSC, 343 MERB – AMBLER, ALC201

Minutes

Attendance:

1. Call to Order

President Jones called the meeting to order at 1:54 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from February 16 were approved.

3. President's Report

- a. UTPAC. Conversations have been going forward. The FSSC met with Kevin Delaney yesterday. A summary memorandum will be sent to Kevin by the end of this week. He, in turn, will meet with the Provost in early April, and we expect to have this process finalized by the end of April. As a result of the changing timeline, the election for these three subcommittees will be delayed until the Fall.
- b. Centers and Institute. The Provost met with the FSSC yesterday to discuss some of the thinking on Centers and Institutes at Temple. At this point, the thinking is that Centers generally operate within a college and Institutes operate across them.
- c. Small Departments. Faculty Herald Editor, Paul Lafollette, interviewed the Provost regarding small departments. There is not a policy in place regarding the minimum number of faculty required for a department. However, departments (his example was Nursing) including small numbers of tenure track faculty, likely need an increased number of tenure track lines in order to be viable.

4. Vice President's Report

- a. Appointments. Matthew Miller (TFMA), Michael Jackson (STHM), and Pei-Chun Hsieh Shea (CPH) were appointed to the Committee on the Status of Women. James Miller (FOX) was appointed to the (Faculty Herald Editorial Board). Lila Corwin Berman (CLA) was appointed to the University Honors Program Oversight Committee.
- b. RPPC. The Faculty Senate is working to revitalize the charge for the RPPC and is working with Vice President Masucci.
- c. Elections. Volunteers are needed for 6 committees; we have volunteers for 2. Elections for UTPAC will be delayed until the fall. We need more volunteers to step forward for the important committee work at Temple University.

5. Presentation of Candidates Slate (Mark Rahdert, Chair of nominating Committee)

- a. The slate of nominees was presented for Faculty Senate Officers. It included Trish Jones for President, Deborah Howe for Vice President, and Adam Davey for Secretary. No other nominees were suggested or put forward.

6. Guest - Daniel White, Director, Office of Digital Education

- a. Six programs and ten certificates currently. Online approach involves a return to Conwellian mission—targeted working people through unconventional means. Content and material are set up to overcome issues including physical, scheduling, fiscal, and geographic limitations. The goal is to create a learning environment that will be of value to all students, including traditional and nontraditional learners.

- b. Central Roles of ODE. State authorization and compliance needs to be attended to for every state in which Temple has students. Failure to attend to these issues or doing them incorrectly can, and already has, resulted in legal issues. We are currently compliant in 20 states. Permission of a state is required in order to provide education to a resident of that state. Permission also allows states to provide educational loans for that education. As soon as possible, Temple will need to be certified or licensed in each state.
- c. Online Teaching Institute. There will be a rich 8-week learning experience developed around the distance learning standards/quality matters curriculum. It is now open for registration via the Teaching and Learning Center now.
- d. Instructional Design Guidelines. A framework is being established for schools to consider for leveraging tools to provide the best possible access to faculty and resources.
- e. Program Design. Conceptualization and production of on-line content is under development and should be integrated for continuous improvement measures by the end of spring semester and will include integration of support services (e.g., writing center library, MRSC, Conwell Center).
- f. Right now, the focus is on graduate education. Lessons learned will be generalized and pushed out toward undergraduate programs and non-credit programs.
- g. Question: Sometimes it is difficult for faculty to understand how ODE is connected with other offices (e.g., TLC, etc.) and how faculty would reach out to the right person for the right information.

- h. Answer: Faculty should reach out to ODE right now for questions about on-line education. In time, basic skills will be pushed out to organizations such as the TLC. Contact Daniel at (dan@temple.edu or online@temple.edu). Questions about enhancing existing courses (on the book) should be directed to the Instructional Support Center.
 - i. Art Hochner (FOX, TAUP): How do you interact with Fox?
 - j. Answer: Right now we are not in much formal contact with the design office of Fox, but are coordinating with regard to state authorization (i.e., foundational, not design).
 - k. Trish Jones (EDU): What are the incentives under RCM?
 - l. Answer: Vicki McGarvey and Zeb Kendrick have put incentives in place around existing programs; incentives for new packages are nearly resolved and will be shared once available.
7. Guests - Monica Hankins and Charles Leone, Campus Safety and Security
- a. A new video, directed toward parents, was presented about campus safety and services. One goal for campus safety is to better align perceptions of safety with the decrease in actual campus crime. Lighting and patrols on Health Sciences Campus have been increased, and patrols are being extended to Erie.
 - b. Call buttons. Campus safety is looking into the possibility of including a campus safety button in smart classrooms similar to the existing teaching consoles. An alternative or backup possibility is app-based (GPS and WiFi).

- c. Communication. Greater coordination for two-way communication across campuses and with local (e.g., Upper Dublin for Ambler) and participation in joint exercises is underway.
- d. Additional Preparedness. Creation of an “active shooter video” is underway, building from the Homeland Security video, but tailored to the Temple context.
- e. TUCC. Center city escort services and bike patrol are now available, along with an additional officer. Bike registration will follow shortly.
- f. Question: Cheryl Mack (Senate Coordinator). What training is available for students (and faculty and staff).
- g. Response: Beginning with freshman orientation, training in topics such as situational awareness and self-defense are offered. Fall semester is the prime time for safety training and strategies. Next month, a coordinated effort will also be made with the City of Philadelphia and the Health Department. Social media (twitter, etc.) activities are also increasing.

8. Old Business

There was no old business.

9. New Business

There was no new business.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 16, 2015, 1:45 pm

Adam Davey
Secretary