

Minutes
Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Tuesday, October 13, 2015
3B Conwell Hall

Attendance:

Present: Tricia Jones (Pres., SMC), Adam Davey (Vice Pres., CPH), Michael Sachs (Secy., CPH), Mark Rahdert (Past-Pres., Law), Kurosh Darvish (Engr), Fred Duer (TFMA), Eli Goldblatt (CLA), Michael W. Jackson (STHM), Michael Jacobs (Pharm), Stephanie Knopp (ART), James Korsh (CST), Paul LaFollette (Fac. Herald, CST), Mary E. Myers (SED), Heidi Ojha (CPH), Cornelius Pratt (SMC), Mark Rahdert (Law), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD), Ken Thurman (Educ), Jie Yang (DENT)

Webex: Raghbir Athwal (TUSM), Teresa Cirillo (FSBM)

Absent: Marsha Crawford (SSW), Cheryl Mack (Coord.)

1. Call to Order

President Jones called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

2. Approval of October 6, 2015 Minutes

The meetings from October 6 were approved as amended.

3. President's Report

a. Update on Tuition Benefits Committee

b. Report on October 8 Senate session with President

4. Vice President's Report

a. Committees

Edward D. Latham was appointed to the Student Awards Selection Committee. He has also agreed to Chair the committee.

Beth Pfeiffer (CPH) was appointed to the Committee on the Status of Women. A message was sent to all faculty in the Department of Women's Studies asking for recommendations of nominees for this committee. With the exception of one out of office automatic reply, there was no response or acknowledgement of this request.

b. UTPAC Election Results

Overall, 295 ballots were cast.

* Indicates elected individuals

Humanities And The Arts

*Therese Dolan (Tyler School of Art) : 202

*Fred Duer (Division of Theater, Film and Media Arts) : 168
*Christopher Harper (School of Media and Communication) : 170

Sciences Life Sciences And Engineering

*Joseph Picone (College of Engineering) : 106
Bassel Sawaya (School of Medicine) : 138
Dennis Silage (College of Engineering) : 82
*James Korsh (College of Science and Technology) : 113
*Irina Mitrea (College of Science and Technology) : 152

Social Sciences And Business

Steven Balsam (Fox School of Business and Management) : 114
*Cornelius Pratt (School of Media and Communication) : 142
*S. Kenneth Thurman (College of Education) : 157

Law

*Rafael Porrata-Doria (Beasley School of Law) : 205

c. UTPAC Q & A

In response to a series of questions from a small number of faculty regarding the first UTPAC elections, Vice President Davey and President Jones prepared a brief update in the form of a series of questions and answers. Art Hochner and Kevin Deleaney wrote to express their appreciation.

d. Faculty Non-Voting Advisory Members of Committees of the Board of Trustees

The following individuals were appointed as Faculty Non-Voting Advisory Members of Committees of the Board of Trustees. We expect to identify next year's slate of appointees in the spring in order to roughly coincide with elections.

Academic Affairs Committee

Forrest Huffman
Fox School of Business and Management

Athletics Committee

Michael W. Jackson
School of Tourism and Hospitality Management
&
Michael Sachs
College of Public Health

Budget and Finance Committee

Rafael Porrata-Doria
Beasley School of Law

Facilities Committee

Michael W. Jackson
School of Tourism and Hospitality Management

5. Guest: Rob Reinstein (discussion on Cosby/O'Connor issue) 1:15-2:00pm
Reinstein met with the FSSC to discuss questions related to Board of Trustees including Chair O'Connor's defense of Cosby and appearance of potential conflicts of interest.
6. Guest: Scott Gratson (discussion on LGBTQ issues) 2:00-2:30pm
Several efforts have been made to increase the inclusion of Temple's LGBTQ communities, that have flowed from a Presidential task force in 2011. An information packet has been developed primarily oriented toward the student body, particularly at the undergraduate level. Not included in this process, however, are faculty members. Relative to peer and aspirant institutions, such as the University of Pennsylvania, Temple lags behind. Based on review of senate records, this concern has not been discussed by the faculty senate in detail in quite some time. It was suggested that LGBTQ issues be included as an agenda item on an upcoming faculty senate. FSSC committee members were interested in hearing about what they can be doing. University of Pennsylvania was held up as a local example of best practices. Campus Pride is another organization that can help an organization identify ways to make improvements. Scott will send a link to reports generated from the first LGBTQ survey. There was discussion of whether it would be possible to mount an updated LGBTQ. There was a suggestion that Temple should also take this opportunity to document what has changed since the time of the first survey. Scott will also send the Campus Pride link. Finally, this is National Coming out Week. A number of activities and panels are planned for this week. TUPortal will have a flyer and link of all campus activities. Scott noted that progress on LGBTQ issues typically begins with greater faculty involvement, making this an important first step. A suggestion was made that Temple might consider hosting a greater Delaware valley symposium on LGBTQ issues. The FSSC will discuss steps to form an ad hoc committee on LGBTQ concerns at Temple University.
7. Old Business
There was no old business.
8. New Business
There will be an FSSC meeting on 10/20.
9. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 20, 1:00 pm

Adam Davey
Vice President