

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE
 Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 12/13/2016

Time: 1:00pm – 2:24 p.m.

Present: Michael Sachs (Pres., CPH), Sue Dickey (Secy., CPH), Raghbir Athwal (LKSM), William Cabin (SSW), Teresa Gill Cirillo (FSBM), Donald Harris (LAW), Melissa Ranieri (Pharm), James Korsh (CST), Paul LaFollette (Fac. Herald, CST), Cornelius Pratt (SMC), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD), Ken Thurman (COE.), Kimmika Williams-Witherspoon (TFMA), Jie Yang (KSoD), Cheryl Mack (Coord.)

Absent: Elvis Wagner (Vice Pres., COE), Tricia Jones (Past-Pres., SMC), Kurosh Darvish (Engr), Donald Hantula (CLA), Michael W. Jackson (STHM), Sharyn O'Mara (ART)

Guests: Guest: None today.

Topic	Discussion	Action
1. Meeting called to order at 12:50 p.m.	President Sachs called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m. Requested approval of Minutes of 11/8/16.	Minutes approved as corrected.
2. Vice President's Report – Dr. Elvis Wagner	Deferred. Written report in handout. VP Wagner is in China with the Temple University International Program.	
3. President Michael Sach's Report	<p>1. I've drafted a letter to President Englert & Provost Epps re: signing on to DACA. I haven't heard from either of them about how they would view the letter at this time. Does anyone have any additional ideas? President Englert & Provost Epps are planning to come on Jan 24th & I will also ask them to come to final meeting & maybe one in the middle of semester. James Dicker had to reschedule because he must be with the Board of Trustees (BOT) at the time he was invited.</p> <p>PL (FacHer): Is Sarah Powell to come? We're looking for ways to talk about emergency procedures on campus.</p> <p>Pres. Sachs: Thank you. Are there other suggestions?</p> <p>KT (COE): I suggested someone. Can I check with Rachel Stark?</p> <p>Pres. Sachs: I overscheduled the fall semester.</p> <p>MR (Pharm): What about someone from Mental Health services?</p> <p>KT (COE): What about John DiMino on the care team?</p>	MS will invite John DiMino to the February

	<p>MR (Pharm): Services are sporadic.</p> <p>KWW (TFMA): I want to talk about the national Faculty "Watch List." How did the 2 Temple faculty who made it to that list get there? I would like someone to talk to us about what is appropriate to discuss in the classroom. What can we bring in? I was at a meeting & some staff members were saying that they cannot advocate about anything that's not bi-partisan. I wonder for those individuals who made the watch list, what are...?</p> <p>Pres. M. Sachs: Kevin Delaney is probably the best person with whom to discuss this. He is the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs. We're supposed to have a meeting with him tomorrow & I will ask who would be the most appropriate person to address this.</p> <p>JS (Music): I think that I can answer that question. You can talk about things in the class that area related to the class.</p> <p>KWW (TFMA): Prof Schwartz was just trying to get someone to answer a question. Are we allowed to have a political viewpoint? Also, some of us are asked to do radio or TV talk shows as pundits.</p> <p>Pres. MS: In my area, the <i>Sports Illustrated</i> man-of-the-year is Lebron James. On the cover, he is wearing a safety pin. In class, what am I to say about that? Where does the line go?</p> <p>DH (LAW): I think professors may have the audacity to express things in class, but they should express it as a personal opinion. Something like, "I'm not speaking for the university or my department."</p> <p>Pres. MS: Faculty may feel uncomfortable or that they should be able to discuss things related to their discipline.</p> <p>PL (FacHer): AAUP has a document on their website about academic freedom.</p> <p>DH (Law): There's a concern about censoring faculty & that's not what we want. In past year, faculty have been fired for expressing support of the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement at other places.</p> <p>JS (Music): There have been TV & other interviews where faculty were not supported by the university. This is a difficult & fuzzy line. There have also been Op/Eds not supported by administration.</p> <p>KWW (TFMA): I did an interview on TV recently.</p> <p>MS: Ok! We will see if we can get Vice Provost Kevin Delaney or someone else to talk to us more about this.</p> <p>JS (Music): I just came from a meeting of the TAUP Constituency Council. I was shocked when President of the BOT O'Connor expressed that he was not clear</p>	RFS meeting.
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on the differentiation between TAUP & the Senate when he met with us.

JK (CST): There is no way he could not be clear on that... This may have been propaganda on his part.

JS (Music): A lot of faculty members don't know what areas are governed by the union & the Senate.

2. MS: Diversity Symposium planning committee is underway. The chosen target date = April 13th, 2017. Committee is underway, choosing a keynote speaker & others. This is all in my report.

Q: TC (FSBM): Is there any talk about the Council of Deans meeting with us this year? We had a retreat last year in Morgan Hall on 27th floor that I thought was productive.

Pres. MS: I can ask the provost.

Q: JS (Music): we've repeatedly asked about getting a university ombudsperson.

Pres MS: We've asked for data on faculty diversity repeatedly.

KWW (TFMA): Good luck.

PL (FacHer): As for a meeting with the Council of Deans. Former Provost suggested to do something that didn't work well at all. We should reconsider.

Pres. MS: There will be a Consultant from the RCM review. Ideally, he will come here.

KWW (TFMA): Do we know what dean is up for review this year?

Pres. MS: Provost Epps said that she will check.

PL (FacHer): Is there any way we could find out?

SD (CPH): Survey the entire faculty via Qualtrics.

Pres MS: Elvis's report from the previous meeting is in your handout. Some appointments have been made. Some vacancies remain. Please continue to spread the word.

TC (FSBM): About the Senate Committees... I'm on library committee. Nothing much seems to happen. I'm just wondering if there are any guidelines for participation in Senate committees.

KT (COE): They have a charge.

Pres. MS: I don't think we dictate how many times they have to meet.

	<p>KT (COE): We can suggest that they revisit their charge.</p> <p>Pres. MS: Isn't that on the website?</p> <p>TC (FSBM): OK. I will ask the members of the committee to do this.</p> <p>JK (CST): Remember when Provost Epps was here & she asked us for background on Collegial Assembly policies that we had brought up? Jeff gave her the handout. I found an article that I had written in 2012 about the issue because it was a different period. I also found the resolution & the principles that appeared when the Senate voted on those. All we really need is the statement that approved a principle.</p> <p>Pres. MS: If you can send that to me, I will send it to her.</p> <p>JK (CST): I will try to get them to you soon.</p>	
4. Old Business	None.	
5. New Business	We would all like to wish Cheryl Mack a very happy holiday & we thank her for all she does for us.	
6. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned.	Adjourned at 2:24 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, <i>Sue Dickey</i> Sue Dickey, PhD, RN, Associate Professor & Faculty Senate Secretary, 2016-17		

Next meeting: FSSC, January 17th, 2017, 1:00 p.m.
Representative Faculty Senate, Tuesday, January 24, 2017: 1:45 p.m.

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