

University Senate Meeting

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Minutes

1. Call to Order:

The meeting began at 1:50 p.m.

2. Guest: Provost Lisa Staiano-Coico

Provost Lisa began by speaking about this morning's FSSC and Dean's Retreat. She thought that it was a very positive meeting that began to develop some excellent communications between the deans and the faculty;

She then mentioned that she would be leaving to become the President of City College, the flagship of the CUNY system. She spoke of the similarities between her new college and Temple. She hopes to bring together Temple FSSC members with their counterparts at City College. She also hopes to bring the play, *Shot*, to New York, and introduce City College's School of Architecture to TU Rome.

Art Hochner (Bus.) mentioned that Provost Lisa might consider bringing TAUP together with the faculty union at City College. The Provost thought this was a good idea and explained how much Art Hochner had helped her in regards to thinking through issues.

3. Minutes:

The University Senate minutes from December 10, 2009, were unanimously approved.

4. President's Report: President Karen M. Turner

President Turner began by going over highlights of the past year for the FSSC and the Faculty Senate. She spoke of the following:

- How positive this morning's retreat with the deans and the FSSC had been and she provided a brief overview. She explained that the Steering Committee had developed the agenda. She mentioned that the topics from the FSSC were clustered and six were presented as the agenda. In groups of six, each of the topics was discussed and prioritized. The topics included:

Faculty input in the decision making process;

1. The role of the collegial assemblies;
2. The importance of faculty self-expression;
3. The role of service in the University and in the Colleges;

4. Communications as it relates to collegiate business;
5. Assistance to associate professors who want to move towards promotion.

(The Executive Committee will meet with Interim Provost Englert to discuss ideas emanating from the retreat. The Committee will also talk about the up-coming Interim Provost's Retreat with the FSSC to be held in the fall.)

- The changes in the bylaws that took place this academic year regarding electronic voting and the quorum.
- The role the Faculty Senate had played in the Middle States evaluation process.

Karen Turner mentioned a list of current administrators who visited the FSSC. They included:

- David Unruh (Senior Vice President of Institutional Advancement);
- Ken Lawrence (Senior Vice President for Government, Community and Public Affairs);
- Bill Black (Senior Vice Provost for Enrollment);
- Tiffenia Archie (Director of Faculty Recruitment and Retention);
- Ken Blank (Senior Vice Provost for Research Administration and for Graduate Education). Ken Blank even attended the retreat this morning.

President Turner said that the FSSC is waiting for the update on the bylaws. After graduation the template should be available.

She also mentioned that the FSSC met with President Hart yesterday to discuss the Provost Search. She reminded the Senate that President Hart will have a Town Meeting with the faculty tomorrow.

Karen Turner indicated that the Faculty Senate will continue to be busy over the summer. Paul LaFollette will take over as president on July 1st.

President Turner said that overall the faculty voice is strong at Temple. She mentioned how Provost Lisa had helped to strengthen faculty voice through shared governance. She thanked Provost Lisa for empowering the faculty. She also said that President Hart wants to continue to move forward with shared governance. She encouraged colleagues to become involved in service activities.

5. Vice President's Report: Paul S. LaFollette

Vice President Paul LaFollette thanked fellow officers, the Steering Committee and the University Faculty Senate. He said he was heartened by the number of faculty who volunteered to serve on senate committees.

6. New Business: Acknowledgements

Karen Turner acknowledged retirees. Ira Shapiro (STHM) and Orin Chein (CST) were present and each said a few words. Scott Gratson (SCT) was acknowledged and thanked with a gift for his service as Parliamentarian. Bob Aiken (Past Pres.) was honored for his service to the Faculty Senate.

Paul LaFollette was presented with a gavel as he takes over the presidency. Provost Lisa was given a lime tree by Michael Jackson (STHM) as a thank you present from the Faculty Senate.

Kimmika Williams-Witherspoon (SCT) asked to have the following statement placed on public record on May 5, 2010, as the last official duty of this body. She read:

I'd like to thank Professor Karen Turner, outgoing president of the Faculty Senate, for her stewardship over this body for the last two years. Under Professor Turner's administration, the Faculty Senate has instituted policy to be more inclusive of our many satellite campuses with simultaneous web-cam access to these meetings for our colleagues on the Health Sciences, Harrisburg and Ambler campuses and the podcast of important conversations with President Hart, Provost Lisa and the Temple administration. These changes, during this past year, have always been quite helpful for me and kept me informed.

Under Professor Turner's administration, the Faculty Senate is even that much more inclusive, thanks to the changes in the By-laws to allow more faculty members to participate in the process of governance electronically.

And because of her advocacy, more and more faculty – myself included- have become interested, and more involved in faculty governance and advocacy. As one faculty member, who I'm sure is representative of many others, who perhaps, could not be here today, I'd like to take this opportunity to publically thank you for the time, the graciousness and, no doubt, the sacrifices that you have made on our behalf for the last two years. Madame President...I thank you.

Karen Turner reminded everyone to attend Commencement. Patti LaBelle will receive an honorary Temple degree.

7. Adjournment:

The meeting ended at 2:25 p.m.

Joan P. Shapiro
Secretary