

**TEMPLE UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE  
Kiva Auditorium  
Videoconference: HSC, 342 MERB – AMBLER, ALC201  
Minutes – 4-20-17**

**Attendance:**

Representative senators and officers: 21  
Ex-officio: 1  
Faculty, administrators and guests: 14

**Guests:** Provost Joanne Epps, Dean Gregory Mandel, Beasley School of Law, Retiring Faculty Members

Topic	Discussion	Action
1. Call to order	Meeting called to order by Senate President, Dr. Michael Sachs.	Meeting called to order at 1:52 p.m. in Kiva Auditorium.
2. President's Report – Dr. Sachs	<p>The first order of business today is recognition for our colleagues who are journeying into the retirement world:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• James Burke, School of Medicine</li> <li>• Burton Caine, School of Law</li> <li>• Doina Ganea, School of Medicine</li> <li>• Alice Hausman, College of Public Health</li> <li>• Joan Shapiro, College of Education</li> <li>• Delores Zygmunt, College of Public Health</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Sachs introduced the new retirees and presented them with gift, Temple University mugs. Dr. Sachs deferred the Senate President's report until after Provost Epps' presentation.</p> <p>President's Report:</p> <p>There was a lot of material covered by Provost Epps. We continue to discuss the possibility of a Temple University Ombudsperson, programs for faculty retirees (JS). We will be meeting with President Englert soon at the Faculty Senate Steering Committee. Please let us know if you have any questions.</p>	Minutes of December 9th, 2016, passed unanimously as read.
3. Vice President's Report – President Sachs reporting for Senate V.P., Dr. Elvis Wagner	<p>We have just had Senate elections. They are certified. Results: Please see Dr. Wagner's report.</p> <p>Here is an update on Senate Committees:</p>	

	<p>-There will be openings as of July 1<sup>st</sup> (with people cycling off): Please see report.</p> <p>Research Programs &amp; Policies Committee (RPPC): There is a new charge and a new chair.</p> <p>MS: Thanks so much to Dr. Elvis Wagner, who will be 'retiring' from this role.</p>	
<p>4. Guests: Provost Joanne Epps, accompanied by new dean of the Beasley School of Law, Gregory Mandel &amp; Vice-Provost for Faculty Affairs, Kevin Delaney.</p>	<p>Provost Epps to the retirees: It's always a special treat to be able to participate in thanking those who have provided many, many years of service. It happens because of you. Thank you all.</p> <p>To the University Senate: -I never know how much information to provide when I come. I was just told that the law school has a new dean, Greg Mandel, and I would like to introduce you to him! The Tyler search is ending soon.</p> <p>-The School of Media and Communications (SMC) was renamed the Lew Klein College of Media &amp; Communications (LKMC) last month. I'm very glad to give their dean this shout out.</p> <p>-I did learn as Dean that it's easy to say, "in the summer..."</p> <p>-On the request of Jeremy Jordan, from Faculty Athletics, I'm looking at the student class attendance policy for circumstances when there is a class conflict with a school-sponsored event. I will look at over the summer. The request is related to those students who miss exams because of illness, sports, etc. I believe that having a statement of best practices helps set guidelines. I will refer this also to Jodi Laufgraben, who will be looking at all those things in the Portfolio of the Provost. She brings a lot of data in, like how many syllabi are in compliance with the syllabus policy. I said, "Do we care?" There is a low number in compliance. I was never sure if anyone cared. She &amp; I will look at all the policies in the portfolio &amp; try to begin answering these questions.</p>	

-I am looking at the Tenure & Promotion guidelines, just to see whether or not they need adjustment. They were last looked at 5 years ago.

-I received a request from student government for the right to speak freely in a classroom without being punished.

-Other things: I just heard this... for the 7<sup>th</sup> year in a row; Temple is recognized as one of the top schools with athlete graduation rates. For the NCAA, it's 88% nationally. What is the difference for the fed? It doesn't give you any credit for those students who transfer out & go somewhere else. That counts with them as a failure to graduate. Our 88% puts us in the top 25 nationally. I give us credit!

-It's the 50th anniversary for Temple University in Rome! We wish them continued success with a new 20-year lease on our facility. Now with that commitment, the Rome budget is valued.

-Temple University Japan's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary occurs in October.

-Fox School of Business & Management will 100 years old in 2018.

-There are a bunch of faculty achievements. Chelsea Walton won the Mathematics Sloane Fellowship.  
-Sara Goldrick-Rab brought in \$4 million grants for seniors.

-The Benjamin Franklin Parkway NFL draft will happen again.

-There are faculty giving expert testimony. Michael Sachs & Jeremy Jordan are among them.

-Temple has 10 Fulbright Scholars this year – the students are doing really well!

-There are students needing mental health services... the number has been increasing. We were approaching a 7 week deadline for non-urgent. President Englert is engaging into a couple initiatives. The

counseling center is moving into 1700 N. Broad, which gives more space.

-Student health at the hospital offered a psychologist & psychiatrist for the upcoming year. We elevated this as our response.

-The Physical Therapy (PT) Department in the College of Public Health will come to Main Campus in the fall.

-Boyer College of Music – has instruments to be fixed. They collect instruments to fund raise. They have 1000 broken instruments. There is a composer who will compose for the sounds from the broken instruments.

-This is what we touch in many important ways in this region.

Q: Mary Conran raised a question re: the syllabus policy.

Provost Epps: The policy that exists doesn't get in front of all faculty. That's why we're reviewing.

Q: Jim Korsh: I know that you are busy but... a number of meetings ago when you were a guest at the FSSC were the Collegial Assembly guidelines were discussed ...

Provost Epps: Not to brag, but I haven't forgotten that.... I FOUND the document. I raised the matter & was intending to report back to the steering committee, which I will do.

Q: Joan Shapiro – I'm putting in my last 2 cents. There are some very important & good policies. But there are others that occurred because someone did something wrong. We once had a committee called the Dysfunctional Rules committee... what about a dysfunctional policy committee?

Provost Epps: I have no idea what the scope of these policies are on the list. Should we propose to ditch some outright? I'm with you on that concept. I don't know how, otherwise, people will be free to opine.

Jeff Solow: Otherwise these policies

	<p>will stand forever.</p> <p>Provost Epps: As a lawyer, I worry about policies in place that nobody pays attention to.</p> <p>Q: Senate Vice-President Elvis Wagner: Can you address the merit timeline?</p> <p>A: I am done (with these evaluations).</p> <p>Vice-Provost for Faculty Affairs, Kevin Delaney: We are now printing the letters. We're in the last stages. There are more than 800.</p> <p>Provost Epps: Are there any more questions? Have a great summer!</p>	
5. Old Business	None.	
6. New Business	None.	
7. Adjournment	President Sachs: Have a good summer break!	Adjourned at 2:25 p.m.
<p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <p><i>Sue Dickey</i></p> <p>Sue Dickey, PhD, RN, Associate Professor &amp; Faculty Senate Secretary, 2016-18</p>		

Next meeting: Representative Faculty Senate, Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 1:45 p.m. Next University Senate Meeting: Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 1:40 p.m..

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**Vice-President Report for  
Faculty Senate  
April 19, 2017**

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**Spring 2017 Senate Election Results  
(Total Votes: 183), Officers**

**President:**

- Michael L. Sachs (College of Public Health) : 150

**Vice President:**

- Cornelius Pratt (School of Media and Communication) : 156

**Secretary:**

- Susan B. Dickey (College of Public Health) : 146

**Spring 2017 Senate Election Results (Total  
Votes: 183): Elected Committees**

**Senate Personnel Committee:**

- Mark C. Rahdert (Beasley School of Law) : 149

**University Sabbatical Committee:**

- Cornelius Pratt (Klein College of Media & Communication) : 156
- Jagan Krishnan (Fox School of Business & Management) : 125

**Educational Programs and Policies Committee:**

- Wanda Brooks (College of Education) : 138
- Mary Anne Gaffney (Fox School of Business & Management) : 133
- Barbara Blundi Manaka (Fox School of Business & Management) : 120

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Votes: 183): Elected Committees**

**Research Programs and Policies Committee:**

- Sergio Franco (College of Liberal Arts) : 131
- Beata Kosmider (Lewis Katz School of Medicine) : 89

**University Honors Program Oversight Committee:**

- Jeffrey Boles (Fox School of Business & Management) : 91
- Erik Cordes (College of Science & Technology) : 146

**University Tenure and Promotion Committee C- Social Sciences  
and Business:**

- Kenneth Thurman (College of Education) : 145

### Update on Senate Committees

20 Faculty Senate committees  
 7 Provost Committees with some members appointed by Faculty Senate

Some of these committees have their members elected by the faculty, and others are nominated and approved by the FSSC.

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### Openings on Faculty Senate Committees (as of July 1, 2017)

Committee	# of Openings
Budget Review Committee	2
Committee for Administrative and Trustee Appointments	3
Committee on Faculty Disabilities Concerns	0
Committee for International Programs	0
Committee on the Status of Women	0

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### Openings on Faculty Senate Committees (as of July 1, 2017)

Committee	# of Openings
Council on Diverse Constituencies	0
Educational Programs and Policies Committee. (EPPC) – ELECTED CMTE	1
Faculty Herald Editorial Board	2
General Education Executive Committee (GEEC)	0
Lectures and Forums Committee	5
Library Committee	1

### Openings on Faculty Senate Committees (as of July 1, 2017)

Committee	# of Openings
Personnel Committee– ELECTED CMTE	0
Research Programs and Policies Committee (RPPC) – ELECTED CMTE	0
Standing Committee on Continuous Revision of Faculty Handbook	2
University Honors Program Oversight Committee– ELECTED CMTE	0

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## Openings on Provost Committees

Committee	# of Openings
Student Award Selection Committee	1
University Sabbatical Committee ELECTED CMTE	2
University Tenure and Promotion Advisory Committee ELECTED CMTE	(A)1 (C)1

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## Senate Committees

Committee chairs should send me  
([elviswag@temple.edu](mailto:elviswag@temple.edu)):

- Current committee membership list including changes in membership during the 2016-2017 academic year
- Structural changes to the committee (e.g., creation of new subcommittees)
- Number and frequency of meetings
- Issues addressed by the committee
- Decisions or actions taken on issues
- Name/contact info of chair for 2017-2018 academic year

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## Research Programs and Policies Committee (RPPC)

RPPC received a new “charge” in 2016. But the committee has been dormant.

Last week the committee met with Vice President for Research, Michele Masucci, in order to “negotiate” its role. A chair was elected, and the hope is that it will be a very active (and influential) committee next year.

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