

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
of
Temple University – Of The Commonwealth System of Higher Education

PUBLIC SESSION

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

Feinstone Lounge, Sullivan Hall, Liacouras Walk and Polett Walk

MINUTES

Presiding Officer: Patrick J. O'Connor, Chair of the Board

Note: The Trustees met in executive session for information briefings at 2:30 p.m.

Trustees: Dennis Alter, Scott F. Cooper, Ronald R. Donatucci, Loretta C. Duckworth, Judith A. Felgoise, Lewis F. Gould, Jr., Lon R. Greenberg, Patrick V. Larkin, Solomon C. Luo, Joseph W. Marshall, III, Anthony J. McIntyre, Christopher W. McNichol, J. William Mills, III, Mitchell L. Morgan, Leon O. Moulder, Jr., Patrick J. O'Connor, Bret S. Perkins, Daniel H. Polett, Phillip C. Richards, Edward Rudolph, Jane Scaccetti, Samuel H. Smith

President: Neil D. Theobald

University Counsel and Secretary: Michael B. Gebhardt

Non-Voting Advisory Members: Ryan K. Rinaldi (student), Michael Sachs (faculty)

Non-Voting Representatives: Robert A. Rovner

Administration and Staff: William T. Bergman, Kevin G. Clark, Karen B. Clarke, James P. Creedon, Hai-Lung Dai, James W. Dicker, Valerie Harrison, Kenneth H. Kaiser, Larry R. Kaiser, Kenneth E. Lawrence, Jr., Gennaro J. Leva, Michele Masucci, Anne K. Nadol, Theresa A. Powell

Trustees Unable to Attend: Leonard Barrack, James F. Cawley, IV, Alan M. Cohen, Joseph F. Coradino, Theodore Z. Davis, Nelson A. Diaz, Richard J. Fox, Tamron Hall, Drew A. Katz, H.F. "Gerry" Lenfest, Theodore A. McKee, Michael J. Stack, III, James S. White

Mr. O'Connor, Chairman of the Board, called the Public Session to order.

Introduction of Guests:

Faculty: Mary Kimmitt Laxton
Students: Melonie Collado, Brett Ennis, Gaelen McCartney

Chairman O'Connor also acknowledged the presence of Professor Daniel Isaacs of the Legal Studies Department who was in attendance along with 20 students enrolled in the corporate governance class.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of December 8, 2015 were approved as distributed.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT – NEIL D. THEOBALD

“Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

“Today, I have some news to share that will help make Temple a leader in the national effort to address campus sexual assaults and foster campus wellness. But before I do that, I want to describe how we reached this point.

“As President of this university, my number one priority is the safety of our students. That’s why in September 2014, I convened the Presidential Committee on Campus Sexual Misconduct, and gave it a threefold charge.

1. Conduct a survey on student perceptions of sexual misconduct and Temple’s resources,
2. Review our current policies and procedures,
3. Benchmark Temple against best practices.

“Chaired by Laura Siminoff, dean of the College of Public Health, this committee’s work was excellent. It proposed a number of important recommendations. And over the past several months, we’ve put the vast majority of those recommendations into action.

“Let me start with one of the committee’s key proposals: to create a single, easily-understood website for information regarding sexual misconduct. Thus, we developed sexualmisconduct.temple.edu. It brings together in one place information about reporting sexual misconduct as well as the many services we have to educate and support members of our community.

“The fact is that Temple already had tremendous resources available. We just needed a single source that made the information more easily accessible to anyone who needs it. That’s what the new website achieves.

“A second recommendation from the committee was to update our student conduct code so that we could enhance our internal process for handling sexual misconduct complaints. We’ve done that. And we’ve also appointed a specially trained, retired judge, Jane Greenspan, to hear and decide sexual misconduct cases. This well-respected jurist has greatly enhanced our efforts for fair and professional hearings. This academic year, Judge Greenspan has heard 15 cases.

“A third recommendation we’ve implemented is mandatory, annual, online, sexual misconduct awareness trainings for sophomores, juniors, seniors, and grad students. Similar programs were already offered to incoming students. And we provide small-group training sessions throughout the year.

“Through implementation of these initiatives, and the tireless work of the sexual misconduct committee, we’ve made major strides in ensuring a safe and healthy environment for all members of our community.

“I once again want to thank Dean Siminoff, Assistant Vice President Anne Nadol, and our students, faculty and administrators who ably served on the committee. Their work is making a real difference.

“Today, I want to share the next major step that will empower us to go even further in our efforts.

“Dr. Valerie Harrison, a veteran higher education leader, has joined my office as the Senior Advisor for Compliance. In this new role, Val will support a variety of key functions. But most importantly for our discussion today, Val will focus on Title IX compliance.

“A first step will be to appoint a Title IX coordinator to

- (1) Oversee the university’s response to reports and complaints of discrimination and sexual misconduct,
- (2) Identify and address any patterns of systemic problems,
- (3) Provide training to students, faculty and staff, and
- (4) Develop programming to increase awareness.

“Val also will oversee our Office of Equal Opportunity Compliance, which is responsible for implementing our nondiscrimination policy and affirmative-action program. She’ll also provide direction for IDEAL, Temple’s office of Institutional Diversity, Equity, Advocacy and Leadership. Val will also further our commitment to It’s On Us, the national campaign that seeks to help put a stop to sexual assault on college campuses.

“Val is a thought leader in her field. She first joined our Office of University Counsel in 1999 and handled student-related concerns for more than a decade. During a three-year experience away from Temple, she served as Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel at Arcadia University. Then she worked as General Counsel at Lincoln University before eventually becoming acting president of that historic institution.

Last year, Val rejoined Temple, the place where she earned both her master’s degree in liberal arts and PhD in African-American Studies. Val also has a bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of Virginia, and a J.D. from the Villanova School of Law. I know Val will serve the Temple community with **honor** and **distinction** in her new role.

“Val, will you please stand and be recognized?

“Before I go, I have one last piece of good news to share. There are a number of ways that society heralds those among us who are the very essence of academic excellence. The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awards the Nobel Prizes in Physics, Chemistry, and Economics to honor scholars who make outstanding contributions to their fields. For universities, the most prestigious accolade is for The Carnegie Foundation to identify you as R-1, “Highest Research Activity”. Last month, Temple became an R-1 university. I would like to thank Trustee Dan Polett for joining us for yesterday’s celebration.

“Four years ago—in my first months as president—Temple identified several interdisciplinary fields in which we believed we were well placed going forward. My thanks again to this Board for agreeing to commit \$50 million to launching the most ambitious research program in Temple’s history. In particular, I want to thank Trustee Lewis Gould for helping to create, and then guide, this initiative.

“In medicine, our focus has been cancer, lung, and heart. Across medicine, liberal arts, and science, we have invested in interdisciplinary neuroscience. Across CLA and CST, our interdisciplinary focus has been the environment. We have invested in building new research capacity to study the availability of energy. A significant cross-school collaboration has developed Temple’s capacity to harness the power of, and protect, big data.

“In the three years prior to launching this ambitious research program, our faculty generated \$473 million in research spending. In the first three years of this initiative, our faculty has created \$708 million in research spending—an increase of \$235 million or 50% in just three years. Let me state this another way,

Temple has invested an additional \$30 million over 3 years and has received an additional \$235 million—an almost 8-to-1 ROI.

“Over the same period, our disclosures of new technology and inventions more than doubled—from 51 in 2012 to 115 in 2015. These new technologies and inventions are likely to provide considerable tech transfer opportunities in the years ahead that will generate significant funding.

“It was on this basis that Carnegie judged that Temple’s research peers in the Commonwealth are no longer Drexel, Duquesne, and Lehigh—the three R-2 universities in Pennsylvania. Instead, Temple joins Carnegie Mellon, Penn, Penn State, and Pitt as the 5th R-1 university in the state.

“In pragmatic terms, what does the designation of Temple as an R-1 mean? It means more access for undergraduates to the best graduate programs. It makes Temple a more powerful magnet for the best faculty. It bolsters the credentials of our faculty when they apply for outside funding. It allows us to better serve our students and our state.

“When I spoke to the Pennsylvania Legislature two weeks ago, I emphasized that the Commonwealth’s five R-1 universities—Carnegie Mellon, Penn, Penn State, Pitt, and Temple—are the most promising solution that Pennsylvania has to its budget woes. In partnership with the Commonwealth, these five universities can create more jobs with better pay, enhanced educational opportunities, and a wider range of career opportunities.

“The academic healthcare leaders—Penn, Pitt, and Temple—in particular, can make possible healthier and happier Pennsylvanians, who have access to the best health care, medical education, and research.

“I am encouraged by the strong bipartisan response my message received. Many legislators over the two days emphasized that Commonwealth funding for research universities is not a state expense. It is an investment that will allow Pennsylvania to thrive in this knowledge-based economy. No state of our size has such a wealth of outstanding research universities. It is a competitive advantage that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania needs to better use in the years and decades ahead.

In closing, many of you have heard me say this is a time of particular scrutiny and skepticism for higher education. Today, more than ever, institutions like Temple are called on to prove their value. Temple delivers — unequivocally. Our research and scholarly excellence is the core of that great story. Temple stands for excellence, accessibility, and affordability—all at once. That is how we sustain Temple for the long term. Carnegie’s verdict is another chapter in the resurgence of this great university.

“This concludes my report. Thank you.”

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REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION - STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on Trustee Affairs – Daniel H. Polett, Chair

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Re-Election of Commonwealth Trustee – Dennis Alter

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Commonwealth appointing authorities, re-elected Dennis Alter, for a term effective immediately to the Board of Trustees of Temple University – Of The Commonwealth System of Higher Education, as set forth in Agenda Reference 1.

Secretary's Note: Pursuant to the Temple University Commonwealth Act, The Honorable Mike Turzai, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, has re-appointed Mr. Alter as a voting trustee.

(Secretary's Note: Mr. Alter abstained and did not participate in this action.)

2. Re-Election of Commonwealth Trustee – Ronald R. Donatucci

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Commonwealth appointing authorities, re-elected Ronald R. Donatucci, for a term effective immediately to the Board of Trustees of Temple University – Of The Commonwealth System of Higher Education, as set forth in Agenda Reference 2.

Secretary's Note: Pursuant to the Temple University Commonwealth Act, The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, has re-appointed Mr. Donatucci as a voting trustee.

(Secretary's Note: Mr. Donatucci abstained and did not participate in this action.)

3. Resolution of Appreciation

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the Resolution of Appreciation in recognition of The Honorable Anthony J. Scirica as set forth in Agenda Reference 3.

Executive Committee – Daniel H. Polett, Vice Chair

4. Report

The quarterly report of the Executive Committee was accepted as set forth in Agenda Reference 4.

RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION:

5. Borrowing Authority – April 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees authorized the officers to borrow, for operating purposes of the University if needed, up to \$30 million on terms which the officers determine to be best for the University, to cover the period from April 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016.

Student Affairs Committee – Anthony J. McIntyre, Chair

6. Report

The quarterly report of the Student Affairs Committee was accepted as set forth in Agenda Reference 6.

RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION:

7. Housing Rates Proposal for 2016-2017

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Student Affairs Committee (3/14/2016), approved an average increase of 2.9 percent in University student housing for 2016-2017, substantially as set forth in Agenda Reference 7.

Alumni Relations and Development Committee – Phillip C. Richards

8. Report

The quarterly report of the Alumni Relations and Development Committee was accepted as set forth in Agenda Reference 8.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION:

9. Approval of Naming Opportunity – Room 231, Alter Hall

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendations of the Alumni Relations and Development Committee (3/14/2016) and the Gift Acceptance Committee (1/25/2016), approved the proposed naming of Room 231 in Alter Hall in Alter Hall in consideration of charitable support from the Charles Schwab Foundation.

10. Acceptance of In-Kind Gift of Equipment

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendations of the Alumni Relations and Development Committee (3/14/2016) and the Gift Acceptance Committee (1/20/2016), recommended that the Board of Trustees approve acceptance of an in-kind gift of equipment from Intuitive Surgical, Inc.

Academic Affairs Committee – Solomon C. Luo, Vice Chair

11. Report

The quarterly report of the Academic Affairs Committee was accepted as set forth in Agenda Reference 11.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION:

12. Consideration of Tenure

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendations of the Academic Affairs Committee (3/14/2016) and the President, approved the granting of faculty tenure.

13. Rename Departments and Degrees in Various Schools and College

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee (3/14/2016) that the officers be authorized to reorganize departments in the Fox School of Business and Management and the Tyler School of Art as listed and set forth in Agenda Reference 13:

- A) Rename the Department of Statistics as the Department of Statistical Science in the Fox School of Business and Management;
- B) Transfer the tenure of faculty from the Department of Statistics to the Department of Statistical Science in the Fox School of Business and Management;
- C) Rename the Department of Community and Regional Planning as the Department of Planning and Community Development in the Tyler School of Art;
- D) Transfer the tenure of faculty from the Department of Community and Regional Planning to the Department of Planning and Community Development in the Tyler School of Art; and
- E) Replace the Master of Science in Community and Regional Planning with the Master of Science in City and Regional Planning in the Tyler School of Art.

14. Establish, Reinstate, Restructure and Terminate Curricula in Various Schools and Colleges

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee (3/14/2016) that the officers be authorized to establish, reinstate, restructure and terminate curricula in various schools and colleges as listed and set forth in Agenda Reference 14:

- A) Establish a Bachelor of Science in Music Technology in the Boyer College of Music and Dance;
- B) Establish a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Physics in the College of Science and Technology;
- C) Establish a Minor in Chemistry in the College of Science and Technology;
- D) Establish a Minor in International Business Administration in the Fox School of Business and Management;
- E) Establish a Minor in Leadership in the Fox School of Business and Management;

- F) Establish a Bachelor of Science in Statistical Science and Data Analytics in the Fox School of Business and Management;
- G) Establish a Concentration in Business Analytics for the Master of Business Administration in the Fox School of Business and Management;
- H) Establish a Concentration in Enterprise Risk Management for the Master of Business Administration in the Fox School of Business and Management;
- I) Establish a Master of Education in Teacher Leadership in the College of Education;
- J) Reinstate the Master of Education in Educational Leadership in the College of Education;
- K) Restructure the Doctor of Philosophy in School Psychology in the College of Education;
- L) Restructure the Educational Specialist degree in School Psychology in the College of Education;
- M) Establish a Master of Engineering Technology Management in Engineering Technology Management with three concentrations (Electrical Engineering Technology Management, Mechanical Engineering Technology Management, and Civil Engineering Technology Management) in the College of Engineering;
- N) Establish a Professional Science Master's in Computer and Systems Security in the College of Engineering;
- O) Establish a Professional Science Master's in Cyber Defense and Information Assurance in the College of Science and Technology;
- P) Establish a Professional Science Master's in High-Performance Computing for Scientific Applications in the College of Science and Technology;
- ~~Q) Establish a Professional Science Master's in Medical Dosimetry in the College of Science and Technology;~~
- R) Establish a Doctor of Philosophy in Documentary Arts and Visual Research in the School of Theater, Film and Media Arts;
- S) Restructure the Master of Science in Finance in the Fox School of Business and Management;
- T) Establish a Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sport Science in the College of Public Health; and
- U) Terminate the Concentration in Exercise and Sport Science in the Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology in the College of Public Health.

Facilities Committee – Mitchell L. Morgan, Chair

15. Report

The quarterly report of the Facilities Committee was accepted as set forth in Agenda Reference 15.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION:

16. Indoor Recreation, Athletics and College of Public Health Facility

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Facilities Committee (3/14/2016) that the officers be authorized to proceed with the construction of an Indoor Recreation, Athletics and College of Public Health Facility at a cost not-to-exceed \$28,500,000 (inclusive of \$1,500,000 for design services previously approved by the Board of Trustees (5/12/2015)) with the funding and financing sources being 2012 Bond Funding (\$20,000,000) and College of Public Health Cash on Hand/Reserves (\$8,500,000).

17. Annenberg/Tomlinson Halls – Building Upgrades

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Facilities Committee (3/14/2016) that the officers be authorized to proceed with the building upgrades in Annenberg and Tomlinson Halls at a cost not-to-exceed \$3,816,650 with the funding and financing sources being the Plant Development Fund (#100000-80220-7385-07; \$3,366,650) and the School of Media and Communication (#100000-17010-7385-04; \$450,000).

18. Gladfelter Hall – Corridor Upgrades

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Facilities Committee (3/14/2016) that the officers be authorized to proceed with the upgrades to the common areas on floors 1 through 10 of Gladfelter Hall at a cost not-to-exceed \$3,487,470 with the funding and financing source being the Plant Development Fund (#100000-80220-7385-07).

19. Landscape Project, Phase 2 – Polett Walk, Liacouras Walk, Founders Garden

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Facilities Committee (3/14/2016) that the officers be authorized to proceed with Phase 2 of the Landscape Project on Polett Walk, Liacouras Walk and Founders Garden at a cost not-to-exceed \$3,019,600 with the funding and financing source being the 2016 and 2017 Plant Development Fund (#100000-80220-7385-07; \$1,450,000 and \$1,569,600, respectively).

20. Various Buildings – Energy-Savings Projects, Phase 2

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Facilities Committee (3/14/2016) that the officers be authorized to proceed with Phase 2 of the Energy Savings Projects in various buildings on the Main Campus, Health Sciences Center campus and the School of Podiatric Medicine campus at a cost not-to-exceed \$2,500,000 with the funding and financing source being the Plant Development Fund (#100000-80220-7385-07).

21. Conwell/Carnell Halls – Student Financial Services Renovations

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Facilities Committee (3/14/2016) that the officers be authorized to proceed with the renovations to the Student Financial Services offices in Conwell and Carnell Halls at a cost not-to-exceed \$2,237,100 with the funding and financing sources being the Provost Carryover Funds (#103032-27000-7730-06; \$1,837,100) and the Plant Development Fund (#100000-80220-7385-07; \$400,000).

22. Conwell/Carnell Halls – Interior Upgrades

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Facilities Committee (3/14/2016) that the officers be authorized to proceed with the interior upgrades to Conwell and Carnell Halls at a cost not-to-exceed \$1,000,000 with the funding and financing source being the Plant Development Fund (#100000-80220-7385-07).

23. Health Sciences Center – Medical Research Building, Fire Life/Safety System Replacement

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Facilities Committee (3/14/2016) that the officers be authorized to proceed with replacement of the Fire Life/Safety System in the Medical Research Building at a cost not-to-exceed \$750,000 with the funding and financing source being the Plant Development Fund (#100000-80220-7385-07).

24. Weiss Hall – Multi-Modal Behavioral Imaging Research Center – Design Services

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Facilities Committee (3/14/2016) that the officers be authorized to proceed with design services for the Weiss Hall Multi-Modal Behavioral Imaging Research Center at a cost not-to-exceed \$270,000 with the funding and financing source being the FMRI Match Fund (#187098-18110-7730-02).

25. College of Engineering – Science and Engineering Library Conversion to Research and Teaching Laboratory – Design Services

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Facilities Committee (3/14/2016) that the officers be authorized to proceed with design services for the Science and Engineering Library Conversion to a Research and Teaching Laboratory in the College of Engineering at a cost not-to-exceed \$250,000 with the funding and financing source being the College of Engineering (#100000-23010-7730-04).

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Athletics Committee – J. William Mills, III, Chair

26. Report

The quarterly report of the Athletics Committee was accepted as set forth in Agenda Reference 26.

Budget & Finance Committee – Christopher W. McNichol, Co-Vice Chair

27. Report

The quarterly report of the Budget & Finance Committee was accepted as set forth in Agenda Reference 27.

Campus Life & Diversity Committee – Loretta C. Duckworth

28. Report

The quarterly report of the Campus Life & Diversity Committee was accepted as set forth in Agenda Reference 28.

Compliance Committee – Christopher W. McNichol

29. Report

The quarterly report of the Compliance Committee was accepted as set forth in Agenda Reference 29.

Government Relations and External Affairs Committee – Ronald R. Donatucci, Co-Chair

30. Report

The quarterly report of the Government Relations and External Affairs Committee was accepted as set forth in Agenda Reference 30.

Investment Committee – Christopher W. McNichol, Chair

31. Report

The quarterly report of the Investment Committee was accepted as set forth in Agenda Reference 31.

Board of Directors, Temple University Health System, Inc. – Lon Greenberg, Chair

32. Report

The quarterly report of the Board of Directors of Temple University Health System, Inc., was accepted as set forth in Agenda Reference 32.

The following committees did not meet during the reporting period:

Audit Committee and
Healthcare Enterprise Committee.

OFFICERS' REPORT

33. Secretary's Report – Michael B. Gebhardt

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the degrees-in-course dated on or about May 6, 2016, to candidates approved by the appropriate academic committees of the faculty, and the degrees-in-course dated May 6, 2016, and presented on June 5, 2016, to candidates approved by the appropriate academic committees of the faculty in Tokyo, Japan.

34. Treasurer's Report – Kenneth H. Kaiser

The Investment Reports for the Three Months Ended December 31, 2015, and grants and contracts awarded between October 1, 2015, and December 31, 2015, were accepted as presented in Agenda Reference 34.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

35. Guest Speakers

a.) Officer's Presentation

Michele M. Masucci, Vice President for Research Administration

The highlights of Dr. Masucci's remarks are attached to the official copy of minutes on file in the Office of the Secretary. Dr. Masucci noted that Temple has increased its funding from the National Science Foundation from \$147M to \$242M during the period 2010 through 2015. She noted that the university has grown as a research institution, and is recruiting only the highest caliber researchers.

b.) Faculty Senate

Professor Michael L. Sachs, College of Public Health
Secretary, Faculty Senate

Secretary's Note: Prof. Sachs read a statement prepared by and on behalf of Faculty Senate President Tricia Jones.

"Chairman O'Connor, President Theobald, and Members of the Board, I am sorry that I cannot be here with you today to present my comments.

"The faculty are in the process of applying the first revision of the University Tenure and Promotion Advisory Committee process instituted last fall in the TAUP contract. With the assistance of Vice Provost for Faculty Kevin Delaney, that process has gone well, although it suggests additional refinements are needed, especially in areas of tenure on hire. The Faculty Senate is discussing suggestions for those processes and looks forward to ongoing conversations with the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs.

"The Faculty Senate applauds the appointment of a special assistant on diversity-related issues to help our university community continue to lead in this area. The Faculty Senate has made three important additions to this effort this year. We have constituted a committee on LGBTQIA faculty concerns – the first in Temple's history and faculty interest and support for this committee is very strong. Temple is behind efforts of other regional institutions, like University of Pennsylvania, Drexel, and West Chester in these areas. It is time for us to move forward.

"We have also constituted a faculty committee on faculty disability concerns and a council for diverse constituencies. We are proud to continue making the 'diversity university' just that – in name, action, and mission. Of course, the State Appropriation and the stadium issues are on everyone's mind. Let me thank President Theobald for his willingness to meet with faculty in the collegiate assemblies and the Faculty Senate to discuss these issues. And, we were pleased to recommend faculty to serve on the Ad Hoc Task Force convened by the president and Faculty Athletic Representative Jeremy Jordan to discuss commercial and education uses for a new stadium. Having said that, I recommend the latest issue of the *Faculty Herald*, edited by Paul LaFollette, which contains several insightful pieces about the stadium. We realize the momentum for the stadium is strong. But, while the feasibility study proceeds, the faculty in general are raising some important questions and concerns that we hope the administration will consider, especially in light of other financial pressures, assessing feasibility in both the short term and long term is critical.

“As always, we value your interest in faculty interest in faculty issues and wish you and a happy and productive spring.”

c.) **Temple Student Government**

Ryan K. Rinaldi, President
Temple Student Government

Mr. Chairman, President Theobald, members of the Board, I am so very proud to represent the student body here afternoon. I am proud to report that the state of the students is confident.

“While seniors envision their bright futures, incoming freshmen are, too, in greater volumes. Our current students are proudly taking notice that their degree is in higher demand than ever, evidenced by a 15% increase in applications. The applicant class of 2020 is on track to be the most accomplished and diverse class to date, with the highest ever GPA and SAT scores and an increase of African American and Latino applications by 9 and 17%, respectively. We are confident that it has never been a better time to receive a Temple education.

“As we move into the home stretch of the spring semester, students have a lot to be excited about. Students are taking advantage of our increased green space on these beautiful days both on Beury Beach and outside of Alter Hall—campus has come to life once again. As students enjoy campus, it is hard not to think about how much it will continue to change before our eyes as plans for our new library and quad unfold.

This past weekend, students were overtaken with pride and joy as Temple’s name was called during the Selection Sunday show for the NCAA basketball tournament. Student’s pride will be evident to all those on campus and at watch parties, as well as to those making the trip to watch the game in Brooklyn. Iowa should know that Temple is confident in its chances as we get another opportunity to show the country what it means to be Temple Made.

“Students are also excited about a new, on-demand shuttle service called Flight, collaboration between Temple Student Government, Facilities, and Strategic Marketing and Communications. Students can now request a shuttle to take them home late at night or back to campus to use university resources, all by making a simple request on their computer or smartphone. Our new service launched last night and already hundreds of students have traveled safely and conveniently to and from campus.

“While these great things are happening at Temple, the State budget impasse in Harrisburg has the potential to overshadow the progress we have made as a university. Two weeks ago, TSG accompanied President Theobald to Harrisburg while he testified before the Appropriations Committees about Temple’s funding. Students are concerned about how this impasse could affect both their tuition and quality of education. We commend the administration’s urgent advocacy for Temple’s funding from the State. Advocating for state funding is a cause that has unified the Temple community and we are proud to work with the University on this effort.

“I am confident today that we and Temple Community will continue to capitalize off the progress we have made this year. As I look forward, our bright progress paints an even brighter future for Temple.

“Thank you so much.”

ADJOURNMENT