

Faculty Senate Steering Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2025 – 1:00 PM
Conference Room 3B, Conwell Hall
Zoom Meeting: <https://temple.zoom.us/j/95062901236>

Minutes

Present: Shohreh Amini (President, CST), Mike Bognanno (Vice President, CLA), Robin Kolodny (Secretary), Fauzia Ahmad (COE), Bill Cook (KMC), Renee Fennell (KSoD)-zoom, Lisa Ferretti (SSW)-zoom, Jason Gallagher (Pharm)-zoom, Dale Haines (LKSM)-zoom, Di Liu (CEHD), Lu Lu (STHM), Barry McCarthy (Law), Sabrina Minhas (TSPM), Jason Norris (TFMA), Sharyn O'Mara (TYL)-zoom, Deborah Racano (KMC)-zoom, Michael Schirmer (FSB), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD) Ryan Tierney (CPH)

Absent Excused: Ron Carr (TUJ), Stan McDonald (CLA, Fac. Herald)

Admin: Cheryl Mack

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 1:07 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes: December 3, 2024 - not approved, subject to revision. Will be approved at the February 4, 2025, meeting.

3. Guest: Jose Aviles, Vice Provost for Enrollment Management (1:00 PM)

Aviles' presentation showed that applications to Temple are up, but not deposits compared to this time last year. We are slightly ahead of our freshman retention rate – about half a percentage point up from last year.

Birth rates will have a second decline in a few years. PA will see the 10th highest decline. High school graduates are now less likely to enroll in college. 62% this year. 70% in 2018.

How do we reach the “non-consumption” group? Not exclusively low-income. Can we find and attract this group?

Multiracial student enrollments are skyrocketing. By 2040, 6 out of 10 are going to be multi-racial. We still feel like a white campus though (says Aviles). 80% of our enrollment comes from PA, NY, NJ, MD.

How do we understand this market? We have a lot of competitors. Can we get ahead of consolidation/contraction? President Fry is starting this conversation in earnest.

Are better prepared students out there? How do we remediate that? We cannot get students from community colleges – 44% decline in headcount. Those kids are now getting offers for 4-year institutions.

He discussed initiatives in process to improve our pipeline. In February, we begin 7th grade pipeline initiatives – work with 1200 students each year. Bring them to campus. A new platform in student success management is coming on board. We will join the University Innovation Alliance. Temple has a significant need for “Deep Cultural and Organizational Change.”

VP Bognanno asked if we could have a copy of the slides he presented. Aviles said he will get back to us.

4. President’s Report: Shohreh Amini

- a. President’s office putting together a committee to examine RCM. They requested Faculty Senate names for this. Suggested Mike Schirmer (Fox) and Jason Gallagher (Pharm) among other names.
- b. Reports are that President Fry is actively engaged. He will be with FSSC on February 4th.
- c. Faculty led forum next Tuesday, January 28, 2025. Scheduled presentations about health CTE, budget comparisons for athletics, changing landscape in college athletics. Encouraged to reach out to faculty for maximum attendance. Will send a description to Cheryl.
- d. The Provost has asked Jodi Levine to find a permanent meeting space for Senate meetings. A conference [classroom] room on the 3rd floor of 1810 is one of the options. One or two other places are also being considered.
- e. Student Academic Success – Dan Berman and Jodi Bailey to join FSSC in February.

5. Vice President's Report: Mike Bognanno

Report on committee vacancies. Cheryl will send an updated list of committee election vacancies.

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

Porrata-Doria – needs to set up a nominating committee for next year’s officers. Work is in the next 4-6 weeks. Asked M. Schirmer from last year and asks for new volunteers.

L. Ferretti also volunteered.

8. Adjournment - at 2:58 p.m.

Next Meetings:

Representative Faculty Senate, Faculty Forum: Temple Football and CTE, Tuesday, January 28, 2025 – 1:45 PM. Charles Events Room 102

FSSC: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 – 1:00 PM, Conference Room 3B Conwell Hall,
Guest: President John Fry