



Temple College
Faculty Council Vision for 2025–2026:
Embracing Opportunities & Facing Challenges Together

Faculty Council is the official organization providing representation for faculty members at Temple College. We exist as a group effort to promote the best interests of Temple College, its faculty individually and collectively, and the community.

Faculty Council Report to the Temple College Board of Trustees
April 20, 2026

I. News

- A.** Faculty presentation from Faculty Council’s Great Ideas for Teaching Students (i.e., GIFTS) session: Melissa Green—“Less Intimidating, More Approachable”
 - Professor Green’s GIFT introduces simple ways to increase communication, interest, and academic collegiality in the classroom, all while meeting students at their level.
- B.** The Executive Committee and the Ways and Means Committee are working together to draft a survey to collect information about faculty publications and research.
- C.** The Executive Committee and Faculty Council committee chairs are working to prepare for our midsemester meeting.

II. Committee Updates

- A.** Barnhart Award Selection Committee (Raymond Stockstad and Erica Perrine, Co-chairs): The Barnhart Award Selection Committee will soon be soliciting nominations for next year’s Barnhart winner. Erica, who has chaired the committee for many years, is working with Ray to pass on institutional knowledge.
- B.** Faculty Development Leave Grant (Kerry Bekkedahl, Chair): The committee received two applications and submitted a recommendation for funding to Dr. Guzmán-Treviño March 1, as per Temple College policy.
- C.** Ways and Means Committee (Raymond Stockstad, Chair): The Ways and Means committee is revising and preparing to send out the annual faculty survey, which was last circulated in 2019. They are also gearing up for election season.