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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
August 20, 2025

I. News

- A. Midterms and Final Exams:** Faculty teaching 16-week classes have just administered and may be in the process of grading midterms. Faculty teaching 8-week classes in the first session have just administered finals and submitted grades. Faculty teaching 8-week classes in the second session are engaging students in first-week activities.
- B. Sample 2 Members-at-Large:** Please join me in congratulating the faculty listed below, as Dr. Ponce has appointed them to serve as a member-at-large to represent their division on Faculty Council. Another six members-at-large will be elected by faculty.
- Patrick Finnegan, Business and Career Professions
 - Alexander Corbett, Fine Arts
 - Angela Gutierrez, Health Professions
 - Heather Chandler, Liberal Arts
 - Shelly Buuck, Natural Sciences
 - Melissa Parker, Workforce Development
- C. Publication of Faculty Council Meetings:** Our next Faculty Council meeting is scheduled for Oct. 24, 9:00-10:30 AM. We are working with Dr. Guzmán-Treviño and Laura Ellis to ensure we are able to publish the meeting agenda and link on the college website. According to the new constitution and legislative requirements, faculty council will need to publish the agenda for meetings on the college website 7 days in advance. The agenda will include a Zoom link for folks to join the meeting, as the meeting is open to the public and must be broadcast if more than 50% of members attend the meeting.



- D. CTL Spring Collaboration:** Faculty Council will work with the CTL to organize and host a G.I.F.T.S (Great Ideas for Teaching Students) session during Welcome Week in the spring. Melissa Parker has graciously agreed to lead the initiative. We are hoping to feature one GIFT from each Division during Welcome Week and our BOT Spring reports.

II. Committee Updates

- A. Barnhart Award Selection Committee (Erica Perrine, Chair):** We had four nominees for the Barnhart award this year: Chad Cryer (Biology), Lisa Keil (Business Management), Sandra Melendez (Engineering Technology), and Aurora Wold-Krugman (Foreign Languages). Voting has closed, and the winner will be announced in the coming weeks.
- E. Elections Committee (Ray Stockstad, Chair):** Nominations are being solicited for members-at-large from each division.
- B. Faculty Advancement Committee (Kerry Bekkedahl, Chair):** The Faculty Advancement Committee is actively reviewing applications. There have been a few requests for Faculty Council to raise the maximum amount of the grant from \$750 to \$1,000 to make national conference attendance more affordable for faculty. To date, we have awarded \$5029.34, leaving us with \$2970.66 for the rest of the year. The following faculty have received awards:
- Lily Penfold, \$750
 - Derek Mudd, \$750
 - Melissa Green, \$750
 - Aurora Wold-Krogman, \$750
 - Brice Olivier, \$529.34
 - Nathan Siegel, \$750
 - Prudence York-Hammons, \$750
- C. Social Committee (Sandra Melendez, FC Vice-President):** Holiday party planning is well underway, thanks to Dr. Sandra Mendez and the Social Committee.