



## **Temple College** **Faculty Senate 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** **May 18, 2026**

#### **I. News**

- A.** On the recommendation of TASB, we have restructured Faculty Council in exciting ways that will provide faculty with more leadership opportunities and avenues for service. My hope is that it will also help diversify participation. Members at Large, the Ways and Means Committee, and the Executive Committee have been hard at work revising the constitution to reflect these changes. The changes were approved by Faculty Council Members at the April 24 meeting.
- The constitution renames Faculty Council: Faculty Council will now be referred to as "Faculty Senate." The Constitution also creates a separate Faculty Advisory Council with the purpose of offering non-binding, strategic, and specialized guidance to Faculty Senate.
  - The Faculty Senate will consist of 19 members who will be elected or appointed according to State legislation.
    - Appointed: President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Immediate Past President, and Six Senators (one from each of the six academic divisions)
    - Elected: Associate Vice President--Main Campus (new position), Associate Vice President--Hutto Campus (new position), Associate Vice President—Taylor Campus (new position), and Six Senators (one from each of the six academic divisions)
  - The Faculty Advisory Council is open to all faculty at Temple College to preserve faculty voice.

## II. Committee Updates

### A. Faculty Advisory Committee (Kerry Bekkedahl, Chair):

- At the April 24 mid-semester meeting, the maximum amount of the award was increased from \$750 to \$1,000 to mirror rising costs associated with travel and conference attendance.
- As of May 4, the committee has approved 11 grants totaling \$7,544.34, with a remaining balance of \$455.66:
  - Lily Penfold \$750
  - Derek Mudd \$750
  - Melissa Green \$750
  - Nathan Siegel \$750
  - Prudence York-Hammons \$750
  - Brice Olivier \$529.34
  - Aurora Wold-Krogmann \$750
  - Reid Echols \$265
  - Martha Richey \$750
  - Alexander Corbett \$750
  - Geoffrey Lewis \$750