

# A Word from the Faculty Senate President

By Michael Sachs, Faculty Senate President

I am honored to write this column as President-Elect of the Faculty Senate for the 2016-2017 academic year. It has been an exciting year as Secretary, and it is certainly a privilege to be elected to be President for the next academic year.

What can you expect this coming year? I have big shoes to fill, as Trish Jones has done an outstanding job as President the past two years. Herbert Hoover, in his 1928 Presidential campaign, promised: “A chicken in every pot and a car in every garage.” I wish I could promise a merit unit in every paycheck and a grant award in every inbox but, alas, I don’t have that power. It should be noted that Hoover got elected and things didn’t turn out all that well (Stock Market collapse, Great Depression) – history will not repeat itself here! But I can promise that the Faculty Senate will be responsive to your concerns and will work diligently and energetically on your behalf.

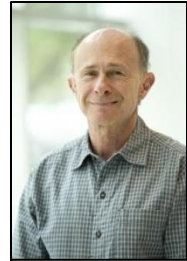
We will have a full agenda, I am sure, some dictated by current events, some perhaps unexpected. The Stadium will continue as a project/issue, negotiations on the adjunct contract between TAUP and the Administration have begun and will perhaps be concluded this summer (this will affect the faculty although the Faculty Senate may not be directly involved), potential changes to Gen Ed, etc., etc. Who knows what will happen in Philadelphia, in Harrisburg, on the road to the White House, ...?

One of my main concerns is faculty governance. Alas, faculty governance seems to be fading away, with less and less faculty input at the departmental, collegial, and University level. I will be initiating a substantive conversation on how to reinvigorate faculty governance at Temple University and, as part of this, the role of the Faculty Senate in this process. I welcome your recommendations!

We will also be attempting to move from the 19<sup>th</sup> Century into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century with our web presence, via a redesigned web site as well as a discussion board, Facebook presence, etc. We will keep you informed as these upgrades take place.

I am excited to note our Leadership Team will include Elvis Wagner (College of Education) as incoming Vice-President and Sue Dickey (College of Public Health) as incoming Secretary. Trish Jones will transition to Past-President. We thank Adam Davey for great work this year as Vice-President.

My e-mail is [msachs@temple.edu](mailto:msachs@temple.edu) I check it 24/7 – please don’t hesitate to contact me with any thoughts, questions, comments, recommendations, etc. I look forward to serving you as Faculty Senate President this coming year. Have a great summer!



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