The meeting was called to order at 3:08 pm.

Approval of minutes
The minutes of April 26, 2011 were approved.

Introduction of New Faculty
Four new tenure-track faculty members were introduced and welcomed to the Assembly: Irina Mitrea (Mathematics), Ann Valentine (Chemistry), Vincent Voeltz (Chemistry), William Wuest (Chemistry).

[NOTE: a delay in the arrival of Provost Englert and Dean Dai led to a change in the order of business.]

Graduate Committee
A MOTION from the Graduate Committee to approve a new Biotechnology MS degree as described in the documents located at https://www.cst.temple.edu/Faculty_Affairs/biotech/ was presented. Associate Dean S. Amini, for the Committee, responded to questions: the proposed program would require that some new courses be developed, and some existing courses would be altered. Some courses would be co-taught, e.g. policy-related courses and the research-related capstone project course. The question having been called, the MOTION WAS APPROVED without dissent.

Presentation by Provost Richard Englert
Provost Englert said that, despite the recent budget cut, the university continues to move forward on major projects, such as the new Science Education/Research Building, for which state support continues. The university-hosted meeting with the state senate appropriations committee went extremely well, with STEM disciplines and Business highlighted. Presentations from the Provost and faculty demonstrated how Temple is central to the state economy and helps position the state in the global economy. He noted that Temple’s efforts had helped to reduce last year’s proposed 50% cut to the state appropriation; nevertheless, our budget was reduced by about $36M. The state reports a shortfall in first-quarter revenues of about $200-250M, roughly about a 3% shortfall. A mid-year budget recission may occur, perhaps as much as 5%, or $7M. This is a time for prudence, but not panic. The university is still financially stable; searches have been authorized for 67 tenure-track faculty positions across the university, and resources will continue to be directed to the academic mission, including recruitment of international students. In response to questions, Provost Englert responded that the imminent departure of the President would not impact the budgetary issues, that he was happy to continue serving, and enjoyed working with the faculty to address our issues and challenges.

Undergraduate Committee
The Undergraduate Committee offered the following motions:
Motion 1: The Collegial Assembly of the College of Science and Technology approves the restructuring of the minor in Mathematics program as specified in the documents that may be found at https://www.temple.edu/cst/MathMinorchanges.pdf

The motion was APPROVED with one abstention.

Motion 2: The Collegial Assembly of the College of Science and Technology approves the restructuring of the minor in Geology program as specified in the document that may be found at https://www.temple.edu/cst/Changes_EES_2011.pdf

The motion was APPROVED with one abstention.

Motion 3: The Collegial Assembly of the College of Science and Technology approves the restructuring of the B.S. in Environmental Science program as specified in the document that may be found at https://www.temple.edu/cst/Changes_EES_2011.pdf

The motion was APPROVED without dissent.

Dean’s report
Dean Dai reported that since he became Dean in January 2007, the college has experienced increases of 24% in majors, 39% in graduate students, 15% in tenured/tenure track faculty, 4% in non-tenure-track faculty, 4% in staff, 143% in expenditures from sponsored research, 259% in development funds, and 13% in the operating budget; 39 new T/TT faculty members have been recruited; 8 college-sponsored teaching awards (including awards for NTT faculty) and one research award have been established, with significant monetary awards. New core instrumentation facilities have been established; undergraduate research is supported by stipends; career services and academic advising have been strengthened; new programs and degrees have been established, including a new PhD program in EES, Masters in IS&T and Biotechnology, PhD-MBA, and 3+2 dual Masters programs. Outreach efforts include the TUteach program, the Bernard Harris summer science camps. Infrastructure improvements include the $25M renovation of Beury Hall, $8M renovations to Barton, BioLife, and Wachman, and the new Science Education and Research Building which will house CIS and Physics and provide state of the art teaching and research laboratories, lecture halls, and conference rooms. New sources of revenue include differential tuition, updated lab fees, and growth in development funds (from $667K in 2007 to $2.3M in 2011); we continue to have startup funds from the university.

Challenges for the future include continuing faculty development, addressing structural underfunding in the CST budget, increasing core facility maintenance to sustain research support, increasing the graduation rate for CST majors, recruiting and supporting students, and retaining faculty.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 4:22pm.