The CST Collegial Assembly was called to order at 2:30 PM by Dean Klein. There were 53 faculty members present.

Dean Klein provided opening remarks, which focused on faculty kudos and accomplishments. CST faculty mentioned included Xiaoxing Xi, who was awarded the Sakharov Prize, and John Perdew receiving the College Research Award. Dr. Perdew also garnered kudos for his landmark publication, which is among the most highly cited paper in the field. Faculty who recently received significant grant awards were mentioned, along with faculty who were promoted and/or tenured as of July 1 of this year.

Provost Epps was introduced, who provided remarks on the state of the University. She mentioned that the newly opened Charles Library already has had a major positive impact, including student popularity, and that it is an attractive for potential students who are visiting campus. There are two Dean searches underway – one for Temple Rome, and the other for Temple Japan. Also, the new classroom building at the new Temple Japan campus has been very well received.

Looking ahead, there will be a continuing decline of 18-year-old students (high school graduates) for at least the next ten years. The question is how will Temple handle the increased competition for a shrinking pool? The Provost, and several Deans have formed a “futures group” that is involved in strategic planning discussions. Also, the Provost Lecture series has been reinstated.

The Provost fielded questions from the assembly. One question was, what is Temple doing this year with respect to student recruiting? She replied that Shawn Abbott and his office are taking a multifaceted approach to recruiting, including an expanded advertising to southwestern US, and locally with the Philadelphia schools. She noted that several out-of-state universities, including the University of South Carolina, are competing more aggressively for local students.

Another question focused on the apparent absence of a strategic plan. Having a plan can help to get faculty buy-in, and its publicization would help in buy-in by faculty and other constituents, to help in the further development of the university.

**Summary of Motions Related to Undergraduate Degree Program Changes**

Assistant Dean Mike Lawlor presented a set of four undergraduate program change proposals (see above). All of the motions to enact these program changes were approved by show of hands. The proposals will be submitted for approval at the March 1, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting. If approved by the Board of Trustees, these program changes will take effect in Fall 2020.

**Genome Medicine, Certificate**

**Requested Program Change: Array**

Change the name to: **Genomic Medicine**

**Rationale:** To avoid confusion, change the name to match the new B.S. in Genomic Medicine degree program (approved by CST Collegial Assembly in March 2019 and on track for final approval at the December 2019 Board of Trustees meeting).
Chemistry, Minor  
Requested Program Change: Array  
Add the new Biochemistry course, CHEM 3401, Applications of Biochemistry, to the list of elective course options  
**Rationale:** CHEM 3401 is an appropriate course for any student interested in a Chemistry minor and will be a popular course selection for pre-med students who are not Biochemistry majors.

Digital Media Technologies, Minor  
Requested Program Change: Array  
1) Clarification of Elective course options for CIS and MSP majors  
2) Removal of one CIS Elective course option  
3) Removal of Footnote 2  
**Rationale:** The current wording is unclear regarding Elective course options for CIS and MSP majors versus students not enrolled in those two programs. The Biology course (BIOL 3333) is not relevant to this minor and should be removed from the list. Footnote 2 can be deleted because the backtracking policy was removed last year.

Applied Mathematics, B.S.  
Requested Program Change: Restructure  
Several changes are proposed to required courses, Writing Intensive course options, and required electives.  
Credits in the major: Increase from 65-67 to 71-73  
**Rationale:** The Department of Mathematics has offered a BS degree program in Applied Mathematics since 2010. The major was introduced to offer a broad and rigorous program aimed at students interested in either directly pursuing careers involving sophisticated applications of mathematical and computational techniques or pursuing graduate study in applied mathematics. While there is much overlap between the Applied Mathematics and Mathematics majors, there are also key differences in their curricula. In the past year the Department of Mathematics has undertaken a review of the Applied Mathematics major, and we have developed a proposal to update and revise certain aspects of it. Our primary goals are to (1) increase the program’s relevance to important emerging trends in Applied Mathematics, and (2) to better tailor the program to the needs of current and prospective Applied Mathematics students. Overall, these changes add 6 credits to the program.

For the full details, please see:  
[https://cst.temple.edu/sites/cst/files/documents/Program%20Changes_Collegial%20Assembly_11-19_final_0.pdf](https://cst.temple.edu/sites/cst/files/documents/Program%20Changes_Collegial%20Assembly_11-19_final_0.pdf)

**Summary of Motions Related to Graduate Degree Program Changes**

Associate Dean Richard Souvenir presented one new program, and array changes to two programs.

(1) **Graduate Certificate in Forensic Chemistry** *(new program)*: A new 12-credit certificate that can be completed in 1-2 semesters and provides an alternative to full degree program (similar to the options available for other CST PSM programs).

(2) **Biotechnology PSM** *(array change)*: The change removes a course (CEE 5793) that is no longer being offered in the original schedule agreed upon by the College of Engineering and replaces it with an elective (to bring total to 2)

(3) **Bioinformatics PSM** *(array change)*: BIOL 5514 Biological Models in Python will replace CIS 5015 Scripting for Business and Science as core course. CIS 5015 can be taken as an elective.

All three motions passed.
Grace Hershman and Robert Rarig gave presentations on the CST Post-Baccalaureate Health Professions program. Applications to the program continue to increase, as well as enrollments. The program now includes a Physician’s Assistant (PA) component. Grace thanked the CST faculty (Biology, Chemistry, Physics) for their excellent contributions to instruction in this program.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2019 Collegial Assembly. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved by show of hands.

There was no old business

There was no new business

The Assembly adjourned at @3:45 PM.