

Part-Time Faculty Council

Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2014

Call to order

President Yvonne Wichman called the meeting of the Part-Time Faculty Council to order at 3:31 on August 25, 2014, and welcomed special guests.

Introduction of New PTFC Representatives

The following representatives were present: Yvonne Wickman, Al Slomovitz, Joanne Lee, Mary Migliaro, Tobias Mendelson (replacing Jan Rose), March Brotherton, Ed Delafuente, David Gregory, Natalie Berry, Ann Rich, Larry Byrnes, Ruti Padan, Jason Rhodes, Bryce McGowan, Allen Robinson, Jane Roberts, Jeff Berman (replacing Sandra Chandler), Valerie Waters, Linda Sutton (replacing Shari Clark), Kimberly Davis, Sally Crews, Charles Marvil (new rep from Culinary Sustainability & Hospitality), Hilma Orman (new rep from Biology & Physics).

The following representatives were absent: Chuck Chesbro, Lisa Leopard, and Neely Gossett.

Special Election

Due to a new position at KSU, Joanne Lee announced she is no longer considered part-time faculty and that she will be resigning from the PTFC. This necessitated replacing her position as secretary for the council. President Wickman called for nominations. Mary Migliaro stated that if someone were to agree to be appointed as Parliamentarian (her current position), she would be willing to be nominated for the vacant position. Jane Roberts stated she would be willing to serve as Parliamentarian and President Wickman made the appointment.

There were no other nominations from the floor for the position of secretary. Nominations were closed and the board voted by majority to elect Mary Migliaro as secretary to serve the remainder of Joanne's term (2014-15).

Approval of 4-28-14 Meeting Minutes

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes from the 4-28-14 meeting. On motion made, seconded, and carried without dissent, the board approved the minutes.

Update from Provost Office - Ron Matson

Dr. Matson explained the latest developments from the Board of Regents (BOR) on part-time faculty course loads and work hours. Maximum hours for part-time faculty (PTF) remains at 19.25 hours and applies to the entire University System in Georgia. The impact of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was discussed as well as changes in flux due to the consolidation process.

Part-Time Faculty (PTF) should be receiving offer letters for their fall positions the first week of September. These have also been delayed due to changes in terminology for faculty positions from the BOR. Ron will provide further updates at the next meeting.

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Action Updates

Yvonne called attention to the achievements of the PTFC during its first year and the handout with highlights that was provided to representatives. The KSU PTFC is the first of its kind in Georgia and the council has made great strides in its first year. Several of the initiatives currently being worked on include: awards for part-time faculty; reduction in parking fees for PTF; increased communication for PTF (website, etc.); and more. While the consolidation process is slowing down progress on these issues, the council continues to advocate for PTF.

One of the greatest accomplishments was the news that all PTF will receive a 2% increase in salary beginning with the fall 2014 semester. In addition, we now have our own website on the KSU site and have published our first newsletter.

Committee Reports

There are two standing committees: Research and Public Relations. Both are recruiting new members to help with their work. The committee list will be sent out to all PTFC reps for their consideration and each committee will establish its chair.

New Business

None at this meeting.

Announcements

Stephen Bartlett announced that migrated courses will disappear from D2L soon and recommended that faculty save items before that happens. He also alluded to a number of changes in some of the technology we currently use that will be improvements. More details will be given out at the next meeting.

Other Matters Arising

Yvonne announced that plans are being finalized to a Meet and Greet similar to the one held last year. Complete details will be provided at the next meeting.

Adjournment

President Yvonne Wichman adjourned the meeting at 4:45 pm.

Mary Migliaro
Secretary

Approved without corrections by majority vote at the 9-29-14 meeting.