

Part-Time Faculty Council

Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2015

1. Call to order

President Yvonne Wichman called the meeting of the Part-Time Faculty Council to order at 3:36 PM on January 26, 2015.

Members Present:

Yvonne Wichman, Al Slomovitz, Mary Migliaro, Jane Roberts, Toby Mendelson, Hilma Orman, David Gregory, Ann Rich, Larry Byrnes, Ruti Padan, Jason Rhodes, Bryce McGowan, Allen Robinson, Mandy McGrew, Valerie Walters, Chuck Chesbro, Kimberly Davis, Kathy Ebener, Sally Crews

Members Absent:

Marc Brotherton (excused), Ed Delafuente (excused), Charles Marvil, Dennis Loubiere, Jeff Berman, Linda Sutton (excused), Dennis Brown, Elizabeth Rasmussen (excused),

Advisors and Guests:

Ken White – Faculty Senate Liaison, Pam Joyce – Theatre & Performance Studies

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes from the 11-17-14 meeting. On motion made, seconded, and carried without dissent, the board approved the minutes.

3. Committee Reports

Research Committee – Bryce McGowan stated the committee had nothing new to report. The committee is ready to assist the Strategic Planning Committee with any pertinent research or assistance needed for their work going forward.

Public Relations Committee – The committee is currently assisting the Conference Committee with materials for the upcoming event in March including the “Save the Date” flyer that will go out this week to all part-time faculty on both campuses. Mary Migliaro stated that the next edition of the newsletter is scheduled for publication next week and it contains a new section on benefits for part-time faculty. This month, the Fitness Center is highlighted.

Strategic Planning – Jason Rhodes, Chair, reported that the committee has met several times to put together the survey for all part-time faculty that will go out soon. After distributing the draft of questions for the survey, items were discussed by all PTFC representatives. In the essence of time, representatives were asked to email additional comments and suggestions to Jason for review by his committee. Input will be folded into the final survey draft for approval by the PTFC Executive Committee so the survey can be emailed out before the February PTFC meeting. After a motion and second, PTFC representatives voted unanimously to empower the executive committee’s action. Once the surveys are returned, the plan is to gather the data into a report to educate our community about the status of part-time faculty at KSU.

Conference – Mandy McGrew, committee chair, reported that the committee is hard at work preparing for the part-time faculty retreat in March. Some speakers have already been confirmed and the committee is working on securing food and beverages for attendees. They are also working with the PR Committee on

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printed materials and other means of advertising the event. The “Save the Date” flyer has been completed and has been emailed to all KSU PTF.

4. Discussion Items

A. Faculty Senate Consolidation Letter – Upon receipt of the Faculty Senate’s letter, a number of PTF reached out to Yvonne Wichman to express their concern with some of the verbiage and information contained in it. One particular item was the ratio of full-time to part-time faculty and the perception that it gave. A great deal of discussion ensued and Ken White, the Faculty Senate Liaison to the PTFC, provided some clarification. He also suggested that the PTFC might want to consider some type of response for the Faculty Senate about the letter. Due to time constraints, the issue will be put on the February agenda for further discussion.

5. New Business

A. National Adjunct Walkout Day – Group discussion around this event led to the decision to have KSU participate in some way as a sign of solidarity and in an effort to bring awareness to PTF issues. Council members voted unanimously to host an event but it will be called “Part-Time Faculty Awareness Day.” Instead of “walking out” PTF will hold an awareness event on campus to draw attention to the main issues for PTF including: inequality, compensation, and the ration of part-time to full-time faculty. Full-time faculty at KSU have also expressed an interest in supporting the event so an invitation will be sent out to all KSU faculty and staff. Faculty will be encouraged to wear black and gold that day as a sign of support.

6. Announcements

- Yvonne announced that for the first time, KSU will provide for awards and recognition of part-time faculty. These awards will be announced in August on Awards Day. This is a great milestone for PTF.

7. Other Matters Arising

- Dr. Michele DiPietro announced that CETL received 20 applications for the Faculty Fellow for Part-Time Faculty Support position. Emails have been sent to all applicants and several candidates are scheduled for interviews. He is hopeful that the position will be filled within the next week or two.

8. Adjournment

President Yvonne Wichman adjourned the meeting at 4:49 pm.

Mary Migliaro
Secretary

Approved with corrections by unanimous vote on 2-23-15