

Part-Time Faculty Council

Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2014

Call to order

President Yvonne Wichman called the meeting of the Part-Time Faculty Council to order at 3:32 PM on November 17, 2014, and welcomed special guests.

Members Present:

Yvonne Wichman, Al Slomovitz, Mary Migliaro, Jane Roberts, Marc Brotherton, Hilma Orman, David Gregory, Ann Rich, Ruti Padan, Jason Rhodes, Bryce McGowan, Allen Robinson, Mandy McGrew, Valerie Waters, Chuck Chesbro, Kimberly Davis, Sally Crews

Members Absent:

Tobias Mendelson (Excused), Ed Delafuente, Charles Marvil, Natalie Berry (Excused), Larry Byrnes (Excused), Dennis Loubiere, Jeff Berman, Linda Sutton (Excused), Kathy Ebener, Dennis Brown, Elizabeth Rasmusson

Advisors and Guests:

Dr. Ken White, Dr. Gail Scott, Dr. Michele DiPietro, Dr. Ron Matson

Approval of 10-27-14 Meeting Minutes

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes from the 10-27-14 meeting. On motion made, seconded, and carried without dissent, the board approved the minutes.

Committee Reports

Research Committee – Nothing to report at this time. They are on standby to assist other committees with their work as needed.

Public Relations Committee – Mary Migliaro reported that they continue working on a one page flyer about the PTFC to be distributed to all part-time faculty (PTF) at KSU and the PTF at SPSU. It will outline the purpose of the PTFC and serve to create interest to other Georgia universities wishing to start a PTFC. They are also working on the next issue of the newsletter scheduled to be released the first week of December. PTFC members are encouraged to invite their department colleagues to submit personal achievements for the “Notable News” section.

Strategic Planning – Jason Rhodes reported that they are researching issues relevant to part-time faculty (PTF) both at KSU and at other Georgia universities. One of the aspects of helping PTF is asking them what their ultimate goal is at KSU and their career plans. They are developing a survey for all PTF that should be sent out early in 2015. The survey items will be run by the PTFC via email for input prior to publishing the survey. Ken White suggested that surveying PTF on issues of concern is perfectly within our abilities. Any issues we determine we will go forward with should be approved by the Faculty Senate.

Conference – Yvonne announced that Natalie Berry has resigned from the PTFC and the conference committee, due to personal health issues. Yvonne encouraged everyone to send Natalie their good wishes for a speedy recovery. She also announced that Mandy McGrew will be the new chair of the committee.

Mandy McGrew reported that they are working on facilitating a conference/retreat for all KSU PTF to include the PTF from Southern Poly. The conference/retreat date will be Friday, March 13 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The

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committee is also looking for additional members from the PTF to help with the work of their committee. She gave representatives an overview of what is planned and asked for input regarding a key note speaker. Mandy will also send an email out to representatives for their input as well.

All PTFC representatives were encouraged to share information about the committees in an effort to involve non-PTFC part-time faculty in their work.

Visitor Comments/Announcements

Dr. DiPietro from CETL notified the group that he has received two applications for the position of Faculty Fellow for Part-Time Faculty Support. Yvonne will resend the posting to everyone. There will also be a part-time teaching academy in the spring during spring break and will have a stipend attached. He will announce complete details at the January meeting.

Dr. Matson reported that BOR requires that each semester the PTF letters will be sent out. He suggested that all PTF return their agreements as soon as possible. If PTF are scheduled to teach but have not received their agreement, they will receive one and not to panic. December 5 is the projected day to get the agreements in the mail for spring semester.

Discussion Items

- The confidentiality issue scheduled for discussion was tabled until the January meeting due to the cancellation of the Faculty Senate meeting.
- A general discussion about PTF issues in some departments ensued that indicated discrepancies across the university in how PTF are treated, allowed to operate with regard to syllabi, etc. Responses will be forwarded to the Strategic Planning Committee for their use going forward. These matters will continue to be discussed in the future.

New Business

No new business was brought forward or discussed.

Announcements

- Members were reminded that the December PTFC meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will be on January 26, 2015.
- The next AAUP Wine and Goldfish event will be held on December 11 from 4:00 – 5:30 PM

Other Matters Arising

None

Adjournment

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

Mary Migliaro
Secretary

Approved without corrections by majority vote on 1-26-15