

PTFC NEWS

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The Kennesaw State University Part-Time Faculty Council (PTFC) was formed in 2013 by a resolution from the Faculty Senate. It was created to provide part-time faculty with a vehicle to share information and explore issues or concerns relevant to all part-time faculty..

From the PTFC President's Desk



Welcome to the second issue of the 2014-15 PTFC newsletter. You may be asking yourself the same question that I am asking: where has this semester gone? KSU Homecoming is a fading memory, Thanksgiving is behind us, and the holiday break is just around the corner. I would like to say that we have accomplished everything that we hoped to accomplish this semester, but in doing so, I would be remiss in considering many unresolved issues that you, our constituents, have brought to our attention. The PTFC is involved in ongoing discussions with administration about parking fees, inequities of pay, research support, tuition assistance, awards, and recognition of service. Yes, our aim is to address all of these topics and more. To coin a familiar phrase from the pen of Robert Frost, "But I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep...." So stay tuned to our website as the new year unfolds. Already on the calendar for spring is a Part-time Faculty Retreat scheduled for Friday, March 13, 2015, at KSU Center. More information about this event will be forthcoming after the first of the year. We hope to see many of you there. A final thought in closing--as long as we remain united in our goals, our voices will be heard.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season!

Yvonne Wichman

New Committees



Committees are where much of the work of an organization gets done and the PTFC is no exception. Two new committees, Strategic Planning and Conference, have been recently added and all of our committees are recruiting help from PTFC representatives or general part-time faculty. You do not need to be a Council representative to serve on a committee; you just must possess a desire to help.

Please see their descriptions and our other standing committees below. If you would be interested in serving, please email the chair of the committee you are interested in joining. Get involved...Join us!

Research

Co-Chairs: Ed Delafuente (edelafue@kennesaw.edu)

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Members: Kimberly Davis, Ed Delafuente, and Bryce McGowan

The Research Committee is responsible for assisting the PTFC in gathering the necessary data surrounding issues of concern for the PTFC. This may include developing surveys or questionnaires for PTFC members, other colleges and universities, etc., and disseminating that information to the PTFC.

Public Relations

Chair: Mary Migliaro (mmigliar@kennesaw.edu)

Members: Allen Robinson, Mary Migliaro, April Stevens

The Public Relations Committee is responsible for the PTFC newsletters and promotional materials sent out to PTF as well as other marketing or informational materials as requested by the PTFC. They also coordinate with the executive committee on information and updates necessary for the PTFC website.

Conference

Co-Chairs: Mandy McGrew (alb1724@kennesaw.edu)

Members: Mandy McGrew, Kimberly Davis, Mary Migliaro, and Steve Lovig

The Conference Committee is an ad hoc committee and is responsible for creating a platform for a PTFC conference to be held in 2015.

Strategic Planning

Chair: Jason Rhodes (jrhode22@kennesaw.edu)

Members: Toby Mendelson, Charles Marvil, and Ruth Padan

The Strategic Planning Committee is a standing committee and is responsible for working with the Research Committee to identify issues for part-time faculty at KSU and facilitating a process for addressing those issues and setting future goals and objectives for the PTFC.

Featured Article



The Part-Time Faculty and Consolidation by Allen Robinson

The consolidation of Kennesaw State University (KSU) and Southern Polytechnic State University (SPSU) is well underway. The majority of the task forces and committees (55 of 81 Operational Working Groups (OWGs)) on consolidation have completed their work with some having ongoing processes. The consolidation prospectus was presented to the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACSCOC), and a decision is expected in December, 2014. Following that decision, is the formal approval from the Board of

Regents at their January, 2015 meeting. At that time, the consolidation will be complete, but the work of making the consolidation an operational reality will continue.

No clear obstacles or problems loom for Part-Time Faculty (PTF) as a result of consolidation. Enrollments should continue, and the need for faculty should be continuing commensurately. There are some 800+ PTF at KSU and some 150 PTF at SPSU. The two groups are not necessarily acquainted. There will be opportunities to get to know each other in a relaxed collegial manner, such as at one of the mixers sponsored by the American Association of University Professors. The next such event is a "Wine and Goldfish" event on December 11 at the KSU Alumni House.

Additional information shared by Dr. Ron Matson, Associate Vice President for Faculty, with the Part-Time Faculty Council at their most recent meeting included the Part-Time Faculty Agreement which has experienced some changes this academic year. The agreements will be sent to faculty who are participating in instruction for each semester. If a PTF is not teaching for a particular semester, an agreement will not be sent to them. Also PTF may have noticed that the agreements are more detailed than in the past. Review the agreement and return it as soon as you can.

The consolidation of two long-time, outstanding, individual institutions of learning is guaranteed to present some challenges and some opportunities. It has not and will not be easy. The result promises to make both better than they were before when separate. Carpe diem!

Notable News



In this section of our newsletter, we highlight honors, achievements, and other "notable news" from our part-time faculty community. It is important to recognize these achievements because they bring value to our community here at KSU.

Please take time to congratulate your colleagues and also tell us about your own honors and achievements. Send in your news via your department representative or email your news directly to one of our editors: Mary Migliaro or Allen Robinson. We look forward to sharing your news in the future!

Ruth Padan, PTFC representative for the Foreign Language Department, recently organized an Israeli Folk Dancing event held on October 20. Ruth states that, "Learning a new language is not only teaching reading and writing, speaking and listening, vocabulary and grammar, but also introducing the culture and have students experience cultural activities." Israeli Folk Dances are popular not only in Israel, but also all over the world. Professional dancer and teacher Meliss Jacobovic, did an amazing workshop where students and faculty members learned some dances in circles, couples and lines. About one hundred people participated in the event.

Charles Marvil and two colleagues from the Culinary Sustainability and Hospitality department, have been awarded a \$10,000 grant to create an online learning resource under the Affordable Learning Textbook Transformation Grant program. The team submission was one of 48 within the University System of Georgia and was the only proposal selected from KSU. The grant will allow these instructors to develop online resources that will be used in several classes starting with CSH 4630 Spirits, Beers and Brews. Future development will include resources to be used in CSH 4620 Viticulture and Vinification as well as CSH 4490 Beer Culture.

Dr. Dennis Loubiere and Dr. Lin Hightower in the Management and Entrepreneurship department, recently received a grant from the KSU Division of Global Affairs for their proposal: "Preserving and Promoting Artisan Cultural Heritage." A KSU Division of Global Affairs grant supports the development of interdisciplinary educational modules for the classroom that incorporate the People, Planet, Profit Model; the preservation of visual arts cultural heritage and an introduction to low-income artisans from around the globe their countries, achievements, challenges, and culture. The grant allowed Dennis to travel to Thailand last summer to consult with Mahasarakham University faculty on the issues of local artisans entering the western market. He will also be traveling to Nepal over the fall break to meet with Kathmandu University, the Fulbright Office and the Association of Craft Producers Nepal.

Tobias M. Mendelson, J.D.,MAcc, Part-Time Assistant Professor of Accounting and Business Law from the Coles College of Business, School of Accountancy recently made several professional presentations. On July 30, 2014 Toby presented a continuing legal education (CLE) seminar on "Estate Planning for the 99%: Income Tax and Asset Protection Planning Overshadows Estate Taxation in Planning" to the National Bar Association 89th Annual Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. On October 1, 2014 Toby presented two workshops for the Maryland Society of Accounting and Tax Professionals in Frederick, including: "Nothing Succeeds Like Business: a Survey of Business Succession Planning Techniques" and "Deferred Compensation Planning for Highly Compensated Executives."

On a lighter note, you may have tuned in to Space Station on Owl Radio on Thursdays from 2-4 p.m during the fall semester. Space Station features classic rock and jam band music with a theme and was hosted by KSU alumnus David "the Captain" Mendelson and **Part-time Assistant Professor of Accounting and Business Law Tobias "King Tobot" Mendelson.**

PTFC Meeting Schedule



PTFC meetings are open to all part-time faculty. All meetings are from 3:30–4:45 PM in Prillaman 2010. Here are the meeting dates for the remainder of this academic year:

January 26
February 23
March 30
April 27

Coming Attractions



If you have ideas or suggestions for the PTFC newsletters, please let us know! Send one of our editors an email. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Read More About the PTFC



Be sure to check the PTFC website regularly for new or updated information, agendas and minutes for the most recent meetings, consolidation news, and other important information relevant to part-time faculty.

Read more about the PTFC at our website:

<http://www.kennesaw.edu/faculty/ptfc>

Happy Holidays!



All of the officers and representatives of the Part-Time Faculty Council send every part-time faculty member warm wishes for a beautiful holiday season and all the best in 2015!
