

# PTFC NEWS

News from the KSU Part-Time Faculty Council

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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



Happy New Year KSU! Let me start by offering a warm welcome to the newest members of our KSU family at the Marietta Campus!

Many wonderful things are happening at our "new" university. The broader range of majors and courses brought about by the consolidation will serve our students well. The additions to our already expansive list of degrees will attract many excellent new applicants. The future looks bright for everyone, especially those who matter most, our students!

The PTFC has many things on the horizon for Spring 2015. On February 25th members of our faculty will be taking part in a nationwide event to raise awareness about issues specific to part-time faculty. Our campus will participate with a Part-Time Faculty Awareness Day. Please plan to wear black and gold that day in support of our part-time faculty, and stay tuned for further details about the celebration.

Finally, the PTFC will be hosting KSU's first-ever Part-Time Faculty Retreat to provide guest speakers, informational sessions, and networking opportunities. Please read the details on page two of this newsletter, and plan to join us on lucky Friday the 13th as we connect, collaborate, and celebrate our vital role at KSU.

If you have any questions or suggestions related to part-time faculty, please reach out to me personally at [ywichman@kennesaw.edu](mailto:ywichman@kennesaw.edu) or your PTFC department representative. A full list of representatives and email addresses is available on our KSU website. Hope to see many of you soon!

Warm regards,

*Yvonne Wichman*

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## New Committees



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 PTFC 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 on one of these committees, please email the chair of the committee you are interested in joining. Get involved...Join us!

### Research

Chairs: Ed Delafuente ([edlafue@kennesaw.edu](mailto:edlafue@kennesaw.edu)) & Bryce McGowan ([bmcgowaw4@kennesaw.edu](mailto:bmcgowaw4@kennesaw.edu))

The Research Committee is responsible for 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. This committee may also conduct research around issues concerning part-time faculty at KSU, at other universities in Georgia, and universities across the US to determine trends, best practices, etc.

### Public Relations

Chair: Mary Migliaro ([mmigliar@kennesaw.edu](mailto:mmigliar@kennesaw.edu))

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

Chair: Mandy McGrew ([alb1724@kennesaw.edu](mailto:alb1724@kennesaw.edu))

The Conference Committee is an ad hoc committee and is responsible for creating a platform for the PTFC conference to be held on March 13, 2015.

### Strategic Planning

Chair: Jason Rhodes ([jrhode22@kennesaw.edu](mailto:jrhode22@kennesaw.edu))

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.

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## First Annual PTFC Retreat to Connect - Collaborate - Celebrate!



Calling all part-time faculty on both KSU campuses! Mark your calendars for **Friday, March 13, 2015** and plan to attend our first annual Part-Time Faculty Retreat: "Connect - Collaborate - Celebrate!" This event, to be held at the **KSU Center** from **9am-12noon**, seeks to bring together part-time faculty members in a fun and informative way. Speakers will share how to maximize your use of campus resources to enhance your teaching techniques and enrich your experience at KSU. Breakout sessions will allow you to connect with other part-timers who have similar needs and motivations.

Come celebrate with food and fun at this inaugural event, so you can say you were there when it all started. See you in March!

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## Benefits 411 - Employee Fitness Center



In this new and recurring section of our newsletter, we will be highlighting benefits available to KSU faculty. This issue features the KSU Employee Fitness Center.

While it is true that some benefits are not available to PTF, there are certain privileges that are made available to us just as they are for our full-time colleagues. One of those is the Kennesaw State University Employee Fitness Center (EFC). The EFC offers many

ways to ensure better health and wellness for employees such as Nautilus and other exercise equipment, free weights, treadmills, step machines, stationary bikes, and more. One can exercise individually, with a personal trainer (at no extra cost), or participate in group sessions for yoga, cycling (spin class), kickboxing, cardio, etc. This is available to part-time faculty for \$12 per month, and is also available for family members for an additional cost. PTF may pay a lump sum at the Bursar's office or the fee can be paid monthly. The KSU Employee Fitness Center is located at the KSU Center, Suite 475 (formerly the Outlet Mall). To learn more visit: <http://www.kennesaw.edu/employeewellness/index.php> or call 470-578-6770.

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## PTFC Meeting Schedule



PTFC meetings are open to all part-time faculty. Meetings are held from 3:30-4:45 PM in Social Sciences 2027. Here are the meeting dates for the remainder of this academic year:

- February 23
- March 30
- April 27

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## Important Calendar Dates



Please mark your calendars for these future events:

- ⇒ **February 21 & 22** - Research on Teaching & Learning Summit
- ⇒ **February 25** - Part-Time Faculty Awareness Day
- ⇒ **March 13** - KSU PTFC Retreat
- ⇒ **April 7 & 8** - CETL Teaching Academy for Part-Time Faculty

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## Newsletter Ideas and Suggestions



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

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## Read More About the PTFC



Read more about the PTFC at our KSU website:

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

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