From the PTFC President’s Desk

It’s all over but the shouting, and another academic year is almost behind us. Much has happened since our last newsletter in February. The PTFC welcomed their newest constituents at the Marietta campus, hosted our first ever retreat, saw the new PTF awards program go into effect, held our Faculty Appreciation Day (FAD), and learned that PTF are getting a nice pay raise this fall. It’s been quite a year for part-time faculty at KSU!

None of this would have been possible without the wonderful council members we have working in our behalf. Please be sure to acknowledge the hard work your representative has put in over the past two years. I might mention now that most of our current reps are coming to the end of their initial two year terms. The PTFC bylaws allow for reps and officers to serve two two-year terms. Your department representative may wish to seek re-election...or not. Please think forward to fall semester—who will represent you in the new academic year? If you are interested in serving, please see your department chair.

I want to thank our council members for supporting me as president and working so tirelessly over our first two years. Getting an organization such as ours off the ground takes a great deal of time and effort, but our council never faltered. The KSU PTFC is the ONLY one of its kind in the State of Georgia. We are treading new ground for part-timers everywhere, and I think our first two years have been quite successful. I hope you feel that way too!

Finally, I remind you that if ever you have questions or suggestions related to part-time faculty, please reach out to me personally or contact your department representative. We are here to serve you. Have a great remainder of the semester and a fun summer—see you in the fall!

Warm regards,

Yvonne Wichman

New Faculty Fellow for Part-Time Faculty Support Announced

Congratulations to Mandy McGrew, the new Faculty Fellow for Part-Time Faculty Support! Mandy was selected from 20 applicants for this important position that begins July 1. As one of the members of the Part-Time Faculty Council, Mandy understands the many issues faced by part-time faculty (PTF) at KSU and universities around the state.

Mandy has a BA in History and her MA in American Studies (both degrees from KSU) and began teaching at KSU in 2013, first in the Department of First-Year and Transition Studies then in American Studies in 2014. If you know Mandy, you will probably agree that the canvas painting used for this article looks a lot like her. In fact, the piece is entitled “Little Scholar” and some of us think it is a good depiction but you be the judge when you meet her!

Part-Time Faculty Awareness Day (FAD)

Mother Nature threw a snowball at FAD in February, thus “snowing out” the first FAD. April ’15 became the new date and the event was judged a great success. Approximately 40-45 participants learned about the issues relevant to part-time faculty and had an opportunity to network with each other and show their support. Everyone wore gold awareness ribbons provided by the Council.

Dr. Papp was the special guest speaker. He began by thanking all the part-time faculty for their hard work and contributions, stating that KSU could not exist without them. He went on to say that the new budget, approved by the Board of Regents, included a $100 per credit hour raise for part-time faculty. Several other speakers addressed the group including Michele DiPietro from CETL, and Jason Rhodes, chair of the PTFC strategic planning committee, who updated the progress of a new PTF survey scheduled for fall. Also addressing the group was Dr. Tom Keene, one of the early advocates for PTF, and a champion of the PTFC. He congratulated the PTFC for its progress over the first two years of existence stating that he looks forward to what will be accomplished next. (Photos from the event on page 3.)

Did you know?

Nationally, the percentage of part-time faculty at universities has risen from 24% in 1975 to more than 42% in 2011. (AAUP 2013)

KSU has over 1,000 part-time faculty (PTF) members.
First Annual PTFC Retreat to Connect - Collaborate - Celebrate!

On Friday, March 13, 2015, the Part-time Faculty Council hosted its first ever, Part-time Faculty Retreat. Over 65 part-time faculty members, from both KSU campuses, attended the event at the KSU Center. All of the excellent speakers provided useful information of benefit to part-time faculty. They included: Veronica Trammell from University Information Technology Services, Cheryl Stiles from the Horace Sturgis Library, and Robbie Lieberman, Chair of Interdisciplinary Studies.

Rhubarb Jones, radio personality and KSU part-time faculty member, shared his insight and experiences. Michele DiPietro talked about how CETL serves PTF, and the creation of the CETL Faculty Fellow for Part-time Faculty Support.

The highlight of the day was Dr. Nancy King’s keynote address in which she shared her story from her beginnings at KSU to the present and the lessons she has learned along the way. All participants agreed the event was a big success and plans are already underway for the next retreat. (Photos from the event on page 3)

Benefits 411—Affinity Benefits

In this recurring section of our newsletter, we highlight benefits available to KSU faculty. This issue features Affinity Benefits.

Generally, Part-Time Faculty (PTF) are not benefits eligible, but that isn’t necessarily 100% true. Have you heard of “affinity benefits?” These are benefits that are not health, retirement, etc. but rather they are benefits that are offered by local businesses and major corporations to employees of Kennesaw State University whether full- or part-time.

The link below will take you the Human Resources page where a full list can be found. The benefit might be a discount or a coupon, but no matter. It will save you money. You may not need all of the affinity benefits offered, but it would likely be worth your time to look over what’s available, and see if any of these offers will benefit YOU!

https://web.kennesaw.edu/hr/emp/perks

PTFC Committees Revised

At the February meeting of the PTFC, it was announced that the committees were revised to better reflect the needs of the council. The Research Committee was folded into the Strategic Planning Committee. The Conference Committee was renamed the Special Events Committee to better reflect the variety of events the PTFC created including the Part-Time Faculty Awareness Day and the PTFC Retreat. Interested in serving on one of these committees? Contact the chair for more information on how you can help.

Public Relations
Chair: Mary Migliaro (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.

Special Events
Chair: Mandy McGrew (alb1724@kennesaw.edu)

The Special Events Committee is responsible for facilitating all events for the PTFC including Part-Time Faculty Awareness Day and the PTFC Retreat and other events as needed.

Strategic Planning
Chair: Jason Rhodes (jrhode22@kennesaw.edu)

The Strategic Planning Committee is responsible for identifying and researching issues for part-time faculty at KSU, facilitating a process for addressing those issues, and setting future goals and objectives for the PTFC.

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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Learn more about the PTFC at our KSU website: http://www.kennesaw.edu/faculty/ptfc/
Part-Time Faculty Retreat 2015

Keynote Speaker Dr. Nancy King

Special Guest Rhubarb Jones

Networking and Noshing!

Registration, Ribbons & Door Prizes, oh my!

Part-Time Faculty Awareness Day 2015

A few of the 45 folks in attendance.

Dr. Papp with Yvonne Wichman prior to speech.

Full-time faculty and students showing support.

Listening to Dr. Papp

Mandy McGrew, new Faculty Fellow for Part-Time Faculty Support, with Michele DiPietro, Director of CETL

The annual Appreciation Day hosted by the Department of Foreign Languages for their part-time faculty!